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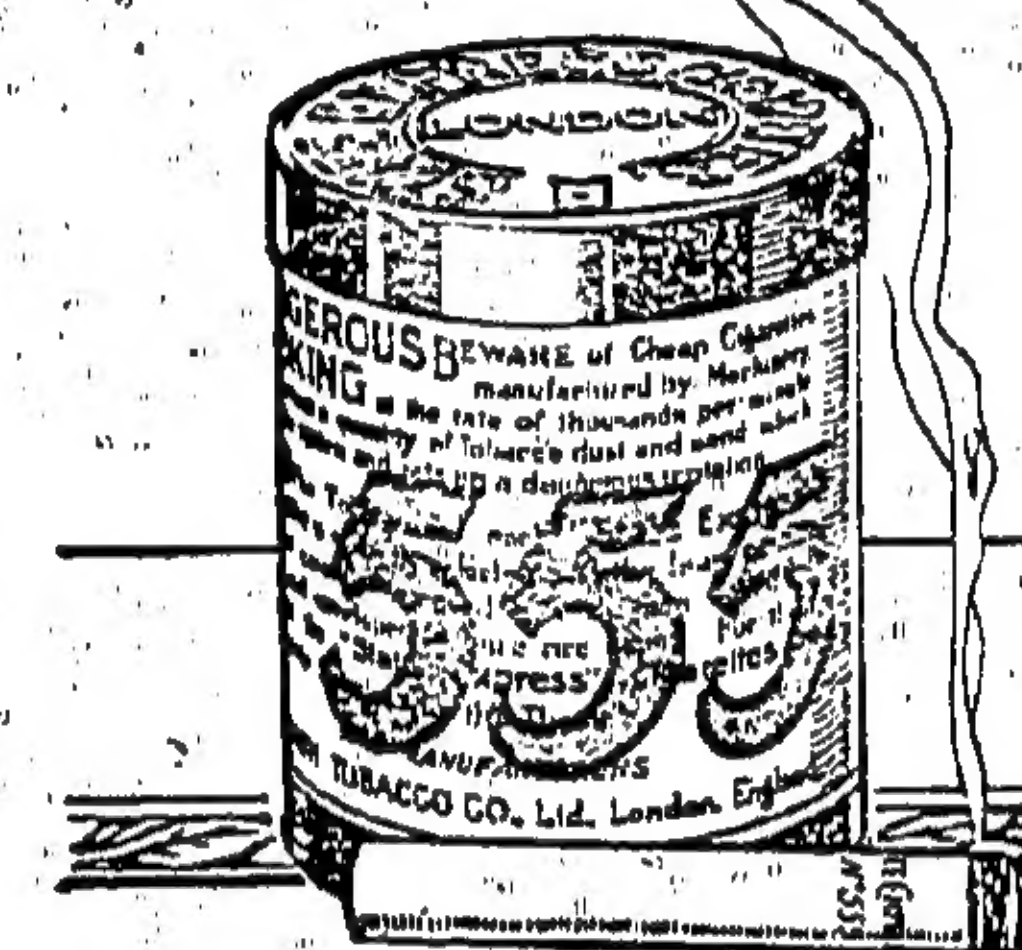
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THE ILFORD MURDER.

STORY OF THE CRIME.

[BY H. C. BAILEY IN THE "DAILY TELEGRAPH."]

A little after midnight a woman was going home through the streets of Ilford. There were not many people about in these suburban solidities. She had come to a dark part of her journey when another woman ran towards her, crying, "My God, my God, will you help me! My husband is ill and bleeding, will you fetch a doctor?" She walked on and found a man lying on the pavement. She asked, "What had happened?" "I don't know," she said, "someone flew past, and as I turned to speak to him blood was pouring out of his mouth." It occurred to the questioner that this answer was inadequate. She thought the wife agitated.

She fetched a doctor. Medical examination by the light of a match showed that the husband had then been dead some minutes. "Why didn't you come sooner and save him?" said the wife. The doctor sent for the police. To the constable, who saw her home, the wife remarked: "They will blame me for this." When her husband's body was examined it was found to bear a number of wounds. There were four cuts upon the body, one on the jaw, one on the right arm. The back of the neck had been stabbed twice and deeply, the injury which caused death was a stab on the right side of the throat. The divisional surgeon formed the opinion that the man who inflicted these wounds must have been in front at first and afterwards delivered the blows from the back. Red tracks in the street showed that his victim had gone on some little way after the first wounds were inflicted. A pool of blood beyond marked the place where the fatal blow was struck, but the wounded man still struggled on. He died, as the surgeon computed, some two minutes after the artery in his neck was pierced.

Such were the facts which the police had to investigate. It was easy to discover who the murdered man was and all about him. The murder was committed in the early morning of October 4th. Before noon on that day the wife had twice declared to police officers that she could not account for her husband's wounds. She heard him say "Oh!" she told the divisional detective inspector, and he fell against her and blood came out of his mouth. Till that happened, she had not been aware of anything unusual. They were walking peacefully home, they were quite happy together. She had not seen anyone about.

THE ARRESTS.

With whatever emotional agitation such statements were made they could not convince. The police must have been satisfied within a very few hours of the murder that, whatever might be the truth about it, the widow was not telling the truth. They knew that she was a Mrs. Thompson, with a home at Ilford, and that her family also, the Graydons, were Ilford people. At her father's house on the evening of October 4th—and for that matter on several evenings before—was a young man called Bywaters, a friend of Mrs. Thompson and the Graydons of some years' standing. About seven o'clock on this evening after the murder Bywaters brought a paper into their house, and asked if Mr. Graydon had seen it. "This is a terrible thing," he said, "if it is true." A little later the police came and arrested him.

On the next morning, when Mrs. Thompson, it is to be assumed, knew of this arrest, the detective-inspector asked her if she could give any information of her husband's assailant. She repeated in substantially the same terms the extraordinary account of the death which she had given before, and then added, "I cannot remember whether there was anyone there or not. I know there was no one there when he fell against me." She acknowledged, of course, that she knew Bywaters. She admitted that in a quarrel between her and her husband Bywaters had "interfered on her behalf." She had written to him and gone out with him without her husband's knowledge. She had destroyed his letters to her.

The inspector took her to the police-station. There she saw Bywaters detained. She exclaimed, "Oh, God! Oh, God! What can I do? Why did he do it? I did not want him to do it." And almost immediately afterwards she said that she must tell the truth. She was, the inspector reports, hysterical. But after the usual caution about giving evidence against herself, she made another statement which, though it confessed she had been previously lying, seemed to show signs of consideration. A man rushed out, she said, knocked her and pushed her away from her husband. She was dazed. When she recovered she saw her husband struggling with a man. Then she recognised Bywaters running away. She did not see his face, but recognised his clothes. It seems a fair interpretation of this to consider it as meant to convey that the presence of Bywaters in that lonely, dark street was wholly unexpected by Mrs. Thompson, and that her husband was killed in a fight. The statement, in fact, hysterical or not, takes the only ground upon which any defence could be made for the woman or the man.

When Bywaters was told that Mrs. Thompson and he would be charged together with murder his first concern was to exculpate her. She was not aware, he insisted, of his plans or his movements. When husband and wife came to where he was waiting for them, he pushed her aside, and saw no more of her. There was a light, in which the dead man got the worst of it, and "Mrs. Thompson must have been spellbound," for after the meeting Bywaters saw no more of her.

THE THOMPSON MENAGE.

Upon the facts of the man's death and the statements of Mrs. Thompson, and Bywaters there was thus a prima facie case against them. But it is no less obvious that this case offers certain problems. "Why did he do it?" The woman's cry, sincere or insincere, states one of them. What premeditation was there? Which of the two who stood charged together was the directing will? It is not to be expected that in every crime motives can be discovered which seem to the normal mind sufficient to account for the deed. If we were all normal in our emotions, our feelings, our desires, even if we were all rational in conduct, the labours of the criminal courts would be sensibly lightened. An examination of the evidence given at the trial will suggest what manner of people were these two who were found guilty of the murder of Percy Thompson. But we must not, as the judge was careful to remind the jury, begin with the assumption that a crime of passion is in itself entitled to leniency. Murder is none the less murder because it is preceded and prompted by adultery. Since David and Uriah in the forefront of the battle there have been many such cases. The judge who defined the murder as a "vulgar and common crime" is a better guide than those who have sought to confuse the issue by sentimental rhetoric.

Consider the characters as they emerge from the records of the trial. In January, 1915, Percy Thompson married Edith Jessie Graydon. He was then 25, and she was 21. He was a clerk in a shipping office, earning enough to keep up a small suburban home. No children were born. Mrs. Thompson also went into a City office, and became a bookkeeper and manageress. We have, therefore, no question of a wife dependent on her husband. At the time of the murder his salary and hers were of about the same amount, some £8 a week each. She would have been able to support herself if she had separated from him. Nothing is known of any quarrel between them for some years after marriage. Mrs. Thompson said, under cross-examination, that she thought she took an aversion to her husband in 1918. In June, 1921, Fredrick Bywaters, a lad who was then 19, who had known Mrs. Thompson's brothers at school, and had remained intimate with the Graydon family, went for a short holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and her sister. On their return he stayed with the Thompsons on, as he says, the husband's invitation. Then "there was a quarrel between Mr. Thompson and his wife over a very trivial matter. Mr. Thompson started to knock his wife about. He threw her across the room, and she overturned a chair." Such is Bywaters's story. He interfered, and "at Thompson's request his own inclination" he then left house. Another witness testified that after this quarrel Mrs. Thompson's arm was "black from shoulder to elbow." On the day of the quarrel, according to Bywaters, Thompson told his wife to get a separation, and she replied that she wanted one, but her husband would "only whine back and retract his statements." Why, if she wanted a separation, she did not leave him neither she nor Bywaters has explained. In the witness-box she said that she pretended to be happy "to satisfy her husband more than anything."

THE LETTERS.

Bywaters, who was employed as a clerk on a P. and O. liner, went back to his ship. "Just before that" Mrs. Thompson and he "fell in love," and so when he was gone they wrote one another love letters. He had a week or two in London in November, 1921, seeing Mrs. Thompson "practically every day." When he sailed again the letters were resumed.

Long extracts from hers were read at the trial. They show considerable fluency of expression. They are in the style of the novelette. The judge called them the outpourings of a silly, wicked affection. There is no doubt about their vigour or the violence of the colours with which they are charged. But when Mrs. Thompson's counsel talked of their "beautiful language of love" he was speaking to his brief. Bywaters was a sounder critic when he remarked that the woman who wrote them was "a woman who lived in melodrama," lived and thought and wrote in a world of extravagant passions, a world where everything is bigger, more violently coloured, lighter, and darker than realities. The language of the letters is not of love, a word which is not to be used in this case, but of forced passion and brooding sensuality.

The judge stumbled over a passage about the husband having the right by law to all that the lover has a right to "by nature and love." It may be taken as the text, the old text, of many another squalid correspondence, on which Mrs. Thompson voluminously discoursed. Self-indulgence, according to this philosophy, is an excuse for everything. It was the excuse in this case for elaborate discussion about the ways and means of poisoning the husband. Four or five methods at the least were considered, the use of hyoscine, of ground glass, of something which gave tea a bitter taste, of gas fumes, and of bichloride of mercury, to say nothing of the tactics of Mr. Hichens's heroine, Bella Donna. The woman discussed it all backwards and forwards, and boasted, if words mean anything, of attempts she had made.

But there is no evidence that her husband ever consumed any poisonous substance. None was found in his body. His health was at no time affected. The defence contended that all the eager writing about poison was, as the judge summed up their arguments, "swank" to show what an heroic person she was. It will not escape notice that the poems mentioned are notorious in the annals of the criminal courts or in fiction. The suggestion that Mrs. Thompson was, like many others, eager to pretend that she could rank with the most conspicuous of

villains is natural. But there is something to be said for another explanation. In such cases as this it is common to find that the obsessions of passion is delight in cruelty. The gusto with which the administration of poison to the husband is written about is not to be ignored. Whether she did in fact attempt to poison him or not, she took pleasure in the thought of it. The sensual desire which demanded murder found satisfaction in imagining the process of murder. When that is allowed for, we find suggested an answer to the problem over which common sense stumbles, why these two people wanted to do murder at all. There was no practical reason why, if Mrs. Thompson wished to leave her husband, with Bywaters, she should not have done so. She had her own resources. Bywaters his. It is not probable that she would have suffered in position or repute. The chance of such damage was plainly infinitely greater in an attempt at murder. Morality, in the nature of the case, is to be left out of the argument. To any formal, sane judgment her motives for murder are preposterously inadequate. But when we read her letters and see that the killing of her husband was in itself a gratification of passion, motives loom out of the murk.

THE MURDER.

The prosecution was not concerned to interpret the processes of the murderer's mind. It sufficed to prove that Mrs. Thompson and Bywaters were conspiring together to kill her husband. That they did not in fact do it by any of the methods they discussed does not affect the validity of the proof of murderous intent. The jury had before them evidence of a long-continued incitement of the man by the woman to do murder. When he came back to England on September 23rd of this year he telegraphed to her to meet him. She did meet him and frequently. On the afternoon of October 3rd they had tea together. She left him and went to the theatre with her husband. As husband and wife walked from the station at Ilford to their home that night, Bywaters (who lived at Norwood) was there waiting for them.

He said that he had gone there, way-laying them after midnight in a quiet street, to urge Thompson to divorce his wife. There was, one may suppose, nothing else to say, but this was hardly worth saying. He declared that Thompson attacked him and that he killed in self-defence. That is why, on this mission of midnight negotiation in the street, he had provided himself with a sheath knife. But it is a disagreeable task to record the desperate efforts of the lad to give his crime some rags of manliness. He did his best to pretend that the woman knew nothing of his intentions and to take the crime on his own shoulders.

The evidence was overwhelming. When a woman of 28 commits adultery with a lad of 20, and is involved with him in murder, a jury is not easily to be persuaded that he was not under her influence. Everything in the case confirmed the presupposition that the woman was the leader. This is not to make a defence for Bywaters. At 20 a lad must be considered responsible for his actions. "We may well be sorry for him, but his is not a case, however good his record outside this intrigue may be, which commands much sympathy." It is alleged, the evidence being chiefly from Bywaters, that the husband maltreated his wife, and Bywaters, according to his own statement, "extracted a promise from him that he was not to beat her." The lad may have believed himself a knight-errant, protecting an injured lady, but, after all, injured ladies and knight-errants should not correspond about giving broken glass to the brutal husband. There are more honourable ways of protection. Even though we believe the worst which the two who murdered him have insinuated about the man they murdered, there remains against them both the damning question, why did they resort to murder? The woman need not have endured one day more of her husband than she chose. There is only one answer, that they desired, or one of them desired and imposed a dominant will on the other, murder for its own sake, murder as a punishment, as vengeance, or as cruelty.

The manner in which the case was tried may stand as a model of the manner in which crimes of passion should be investigated. The moderation of the prosecution, which was content to bring out the facts and let the facts speak for themselves, and the calm summing up of the case by Mr. Justice Shearman, in which, when sentimentalities had been curtly ruled out every argument which the defence could advance was considered, however vague its import, but which insisted on the interpretation of facts by commonsense, have done justice. Let us hope that there will be no attempts to retry the case out of court by rhetoric and no glorification of those who are guilty of "a vulgar and common crime."

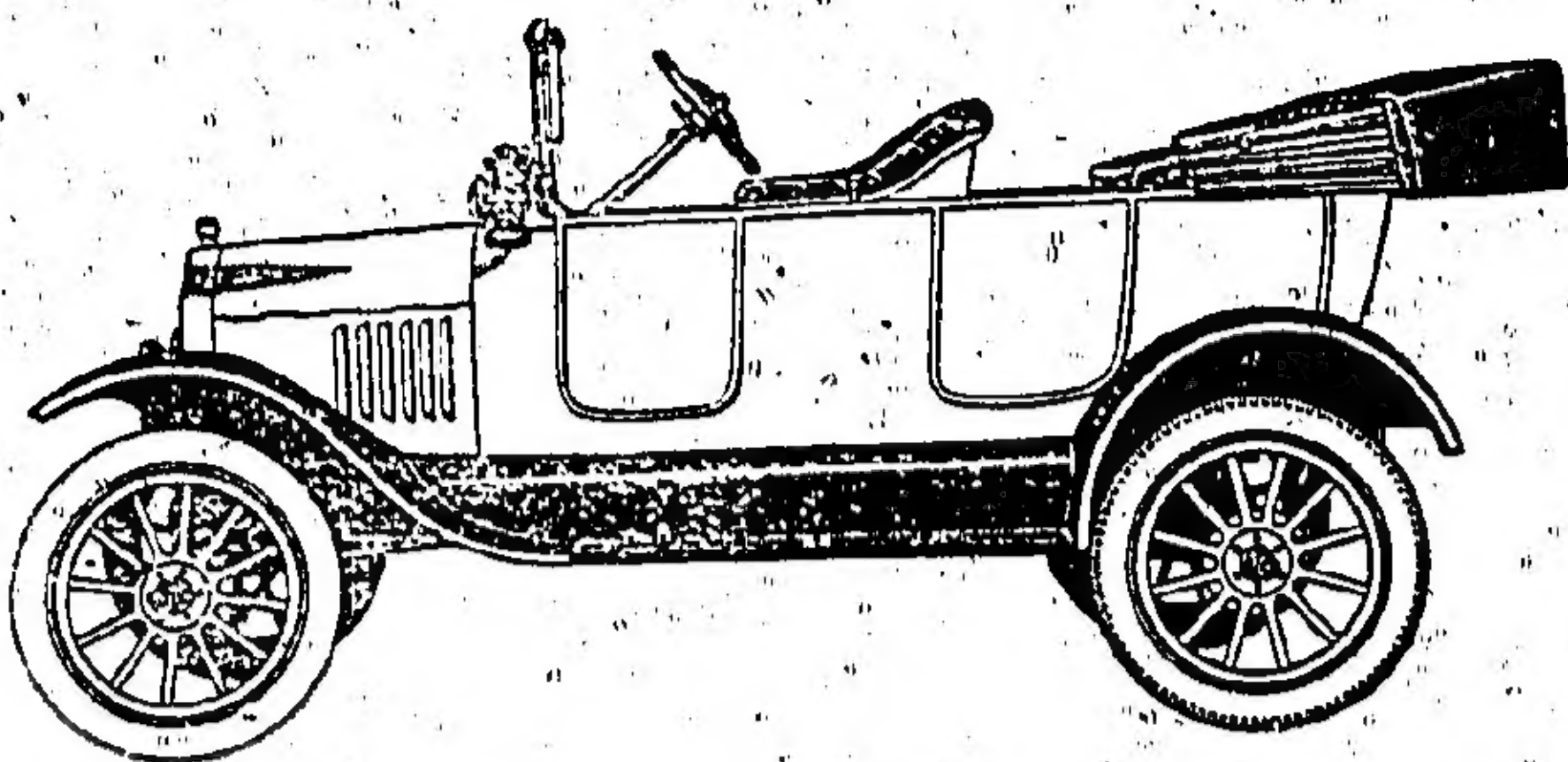
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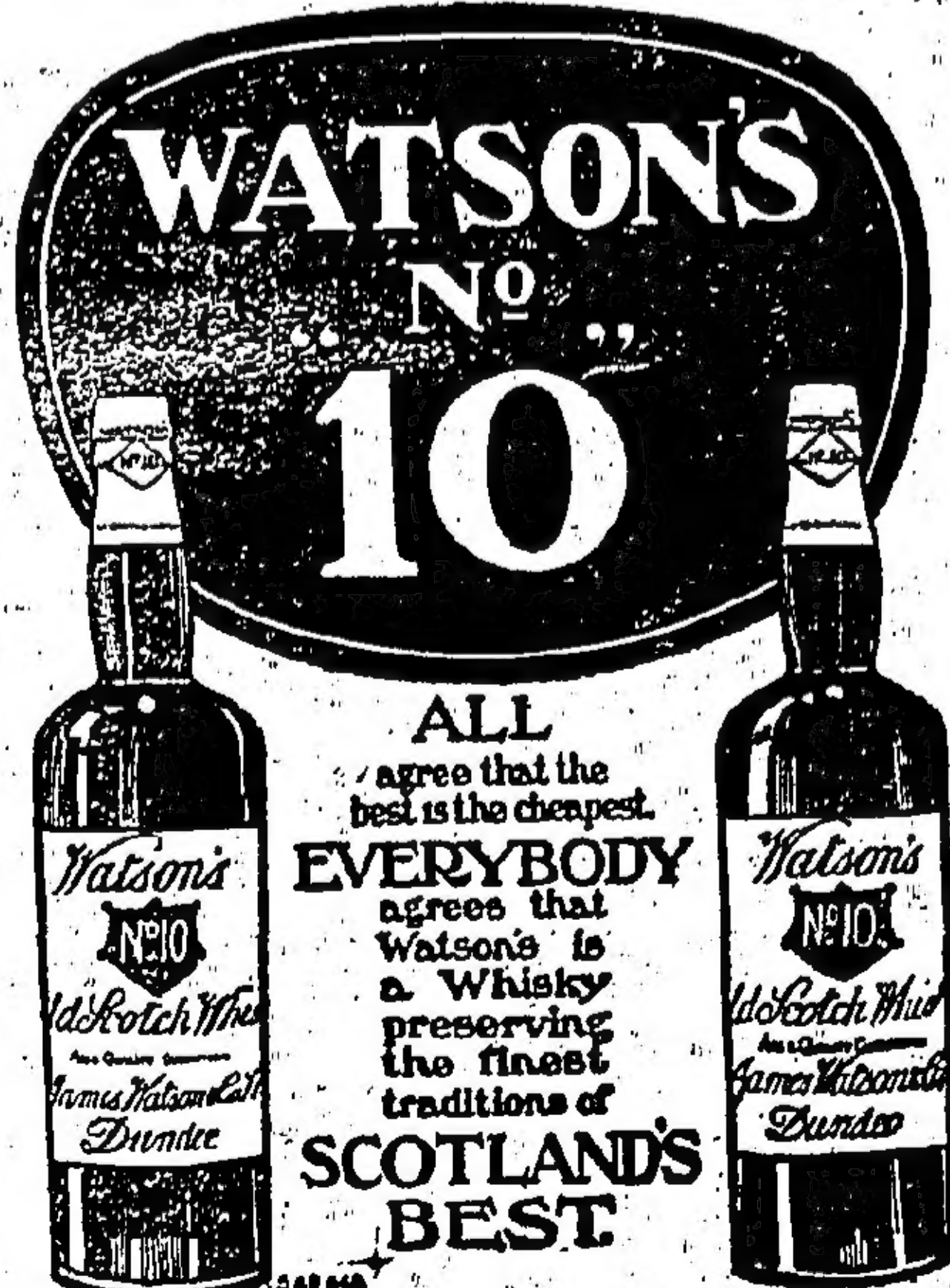
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SPORT.

FOOTBALL.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS.

HONGKONG CHALLENGER SHIELD.

R.G.A. 6 Hongkong Police 1
H.M.S. Durban 3 H.M.S. Hawkins 1
Kowloon 1 South China 0
King's Regt. 1 South China 0
South China 'B' 3 Kowloon Res. 0
King's Res. 3 St. Joseph's 1
Hawkins Res. 2 T. Maria Res. 1
R.G.A. Res. 3 H.M.S. Marston 2

HONGKONG LEAGUE.

H.M.S. Tamar 2 Hongkong Club 1
University 3 Fleet Auxiliaries 0
South China 'A' 4 Police Res. 0
Warriors 1 Durban Res. 0

"DURBAN" v. "HAWKINS."

This shield match was played on the Navy "A" ground before a large number of sailors. The Hawkins were without Osborne and Hooper while the Durban had the assistance of Hector. The Hawkins started the game but the Durban were the first to attack and, to the surprise of many, Darlison put the latter team one up in the opening minute. The Hawkins from the centre kick took up the attack and forced a corner and during the scramble in the goalmouth following the flag kick King was penalised for jumping and the Hawkins awarded a penalty kick from which Barham made the scores one all. Shortly after, the Hawkins had a lucky escape, for the goalkeeper in holding a shot sent it against the upright and the ball rebounded to play. The Durban took the lead from a penalty awarded against Moss for pushing and Darlison made no mistake. The Durban forced a corner and from a well-placed kick by Watkins, Miller scored, giving the Durban a lead of three goals to one, which was the score at the interval.

From the restart, the Durban got away and Moss had to leave the field through injury. The Hawkins then forced a corner from which Darlison cleared. The Hawkins were doing most of the attacking in this half but the Durban defence played a winning game and Lawrence in goal saved well. King got in the way of a shot from Barkham and Warner, catching the ball on the rebound, sent it wide. Faulty shooting by the Hawkins forwards prevented any further scoring and the Durban qualified to meet Kowloon in the semi-final by three goals to two. Teams:—
Durban:—Lawrence; Legge and King; Brooks, Holden and Hector; Miller, Darlison, Chan, Yeoman and Watkins.
Hawkins:—Campbell; Adkins and Bickers; Stark, Moss and Sawyer; Barkham, Wrigley, Warner, Frost and Imeson. Referee, Mr. Collins.

R.G.A. v. POLICE.

Playing on the South China ground in a shield match the R.G.A. won by six goals to one. Johnson started the game for the Police and the R.G.A. forced a corner, the Police clearing. Harris got away on the left and from his centre crosses opened the score. Shortly afterwards the same player netted again and the R.G.A. were two up. Phillips left his goal to clear but missed the ball. Luckily for the R.G.A. it rolled just outside the posts. Valentine, with a splendid effort, reduced the R.G.A. lead, giving Phillips no chance with a shot from close range. From the centre kick the R.G.A. made straight for goal and Lelliott beat Swan, making the score three to one in favour of the R.G.A. There was no further change before the interval.

From the restart the R.G.A. took up the attack and Castledine was fouled within the penalty area. Pascoe taking the kick beat Swan. The Police then took up the attack but had shooting kept the score down. They forced a corner and Simpson sending the ball over the bar. Play was then transferred and Castledine scored. Keeping up the pressure the R.G.A. went further ahead. Castledine again beating Swan. The final whistle found the R.G.A. qualified to play in the semi-final round by six goals to one. Teams:—
R.G.A.:—Phillips, Hanwood and Frampton; Bailly, Pascoe and Keay; Pascoe and Keay; Green, Lelliott, Castledine, Couzens and Harris.
Police:—Swan; McWaters and McEwen; McLaren, Forbes and Post; Noloth, Watson, Johnson, Dr. Valentine and Simpson. Referee, Mr. Ferryman.

KING'S v. SOUTH CHINA.

This shield match was played at Sockunpoo before a record crowd. At the end of the seventy minutes the score was one goal all, and extra time was ordered, but after ten minutes' play each way the score remained unaltered and the teams will meet again in the replay. South China kicked off and the King's took up the attack but the South China backs were safe, and at the other end Blace brought off a good save. Hart had Lau beaten in goal with a fast shot, but Ng Kam Cheun headed off for a corner. Williams sent the ball over the bar but the King's forced another corner and South China cleared. South China took up the attack and Ip Kan sent in a shot which Blace only partially cleared. Chan So headed the ball back and it struck the crossbar and was eventually cleared. Just before the interval Lau Yuk Tai was injured and left the field. At the interval the score stood blank.

On resumption, play ruled fairly even for the first ten minutes; then the soldiers took up the attack and forced several corners which South China cleared. South China now took up the attack and Chu Kwong Young was pulled up for fouling Blace in goal. The King's put on pressure, and, after Jones had been pulled up for offside, Williams came down

the wing and the centre forward trapped the ball and gave it to Dyer who beat Lau and put the King's one up. South China then made desperate efforts to pull the game round, and during the pressure Newton, in attempting to clear, put the ball into his own goal much to the delight of the Chinese crowd. With but a couple of minutes to go both teams tried hard for the lead, but the whistle sounded with the score one goal all. The extra time was full of thrills but there was no score during this period and the game ended as above. Teams:—
Kings:—Blace; Wynne and Williams; Newton, Hodgson and Barlow; Williams, Hart, Lt. Jones, Dyer and Livesey.
South China:—Lau Hing Cheung; Ng Kam Cheun and Lai Yuk Tai; Leung Yuk Tong, Leung Tai Fong and Lam Yuk Ying; Chu Kwong Young, Ip Kan, Wong Pak Chong, Chan So and Chan Kwong Yiu. Referee, Mr. Smith.

KOWLOON v. "AMBROSE."

On the Navy "B" ground the Kowloon qualified for the semi-final by a goal to nil. In addition the game was for the league points and the Ambrose lost their position in the league. Clemo scored the winning goal in the first half and although the subsequent play was in favour of the sailors they failed to score.

JUNIOR SHIELD.

R.G.A. v. "MARAZON."

Playing on the Club ground in a shield match the R.G.A. reversed their league defeat by the Marazon. The R.G.A. took the lead through Maxwellworthy and before the interval Pibworth scored for the Marazon. Crossing over with the scores one all, the R.G.A. scored through Maxwellworthy and the sailors were awarded a penalty for hands, from which Sutherland levelled up. Before the finish the R.G.A. were awarded a penalty and Hicks, beating the goalkeeper, won the match for the R.G.A. who will meet the Kings in the semi-final.

SOUTH CHINA "B" v. KOWLOON.

These teams played a fast game on the South China ground and at the interval the score stood blank. Kwok Po Kan opened the score early in the second half and Pang Wa Hing and Leung Wing Tat adding goals. South China won the match by 3 to nil. Leung Wing Tat was cautioned for dangerous play.

"HAWKINS" v. "TITANIA."

This game, played on the Navy "A" ground, ended in a win for the Hawkins by two goals to one. Wellman scored in the opening minutes for the Hawkins. The Hawkins scored again before the interval. Shortly after the change of ends the Titania scored and should have levelled up before the close. The Hawkins qualified to meet "South China "B" in the semi-final.

KING'S v. ST. JOSEPH'S.

On the Garrison ground at Sockunpoo the King's qualified for the semi-final by three goals to one. St. Joseph's were the first to attack, but Hollands cleared and the King's took up the attack, Critchlow opening the score for them with a header. Before the interval the same player scored again following a corner. Early in the second half P. Xavier scored for the College and Moore put on a third for the King's.

"TAMAR" v. CLUB.

The Club fielded a weak side in this league match against the Tamar on St. Joseph's ground, and went down by the odd goal in three. The opening play favoured the Club and Routley was lucky to get the ball out from a scramble in the Tamar goalmouth. After Harry had stopped Valentine, Forsyth netted from an offside position. The Club came again and during a melee in front of goal May got the ball into the net. The Tamar then took up the attack, but faulty shooting prevented any score. Grant was pulled up for offside and at the other end Forsyth just missed. Hudson later cleared from a dangerous position and Handford going down sent the ball behind. Oxland headed the ball from a shot by Forsyth behind and Harry cleared from the flag kick. Half time Club 1, Tamar 0.

From the restart the Club got away but Forsyth was stopped for offside play. The game now went in favour of the sailors and seldom did the Club cross the halfway line. The Tamar had four corners in succession, Handford bringing relief by sending the ball over the bar. Forsyth kept up the pressure and McPhail headed the ball past McPhail and made the scores one all. McPhail was played a good game by a shot but was beaten by Hudson with a shot from twenty yards, and the Tamar took the lead. Grant coming through was robbed by McPhail who cleared by good judgment. The Club forwards could not get away and with the Tamar pressing, the game ended in their favour by two goals to one. Teams:—
Tamar:—Routley; Oxland and Harry; Seals, Hudson and Bryant; Hill, Handford, Grant, Wilkins and Clarke.
Club:—McPhail; Ralston and Bishop; Israel, Stewart and Angus; Hamilton, Forsyth, Valentine, May and England. Referee, Mr. Williams.

JUNIOR GAMES.

UNIVERSITY v. AUXILIARIES.

On the St. Joseph's ground the University won by three goals to nil. Tuck Wing scored before the interval and the University had a lead of a goal to nil. Tuck Wing put his side further ahead with a high shot and Laing later beating Hill the University won as above. (Continued at foot of next column.)

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WARDERS v. "DURBAN."

The league game between the above teams was played on the Navy "B" and ended in a win for the Warders. Crossing over with a blank sheet the Warders won when Foon beat Davies.

SOUTH CHINA "A" v. POLICE.

At Sockunpoo, this league game ended in a win for the "A" team by four goals to nil. Choy Ping Fan opened the scoring and before half time Yiu Wing Chan added another. After the change of ends Kam Rock scored twice and South China won as above.

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CRICKET.

FIRST LEAGUE.

CHINESE RECREATION CLUB v. C.S.C.C.

By winning their match against the Chinese Recreation Club on Saturday afternoon, at Happy Valley, the Civil Service Cricket Club, enhanced their chances of finishing top of the first league. The Civil Service side secured an easy win by two wickets and 65 runs.

Batting first, the Chinese made the moderate total of 97 runs, G. R. Sayer taking five of the wickets for 36 runs. The Civil Service replied with 163 runs for the loss of eight wickets. Sutherland got the measure of the Chinese bowlers and had the fielders on the run. He hit out with considerable confidence as will be seen from his score of 80 which included six sixes and 10 fours. Sayer also contributed a very useful 33.

Scores:—

CHINESE B.C.				
Ng Sze Kwong, b Sayer	24			
M. W. Lo, b Ling	4			
C. Choi, b Sayer	13			
Wong Sik To, c Wood, b Sayer	3			
G. Lee, b Sayer	5			
W. Hung, c Holdman, b Hamilton	37			
Y. K. Shi, c Holdman, b Sayer	0			
H. C. Hung, c Baker, b Hamilton	17			
H. Ching, not out	0			
M. K. Lo, b Hamilton	0			
J. M. Fan, b Ling	1			
Extras	4			
Total	97			

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Ling	5.5	0	28	3
Hamilton	6	1	13	3
Sayer	8	0	36	5
Baker	4	0	7	0
Grimmett	2	0	10	0

C.S.C.C.

A. E. Wood, b Ching	0			
A. R. Sutherland, c W. Hung, b	80			
Ng	60			
A. Grimmett, run out	30			
E. C. Fletcher, run out	19			
G. R. Sayer, b G. Lee	38			
F. Baker, c Lee, b Ching	5			
F. J. Ling, b H. C. Hung	2			
C. Sara, not out	7			
Extras	10			
Total (for 9 wks.)	162			

E. H. Holdman and H. Strange did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
G. Lee	8.1	1	33	1
H. Ching	8	0	39	2
Ng Sze Kwong	4	0	26	1
H. C. Hung	5	1	23	1
Wong Sik To	3	0	22	1

I.R.O. v. CRAIGENGOWER.

The Indian Recreation Club met Craigen-gower C.C. at Sookunpoo Valley. The match resulted in a comfortable win for the Indians by 154 runs as against 114. They won the toss, but started badly, the first wicket falling for two runs only. S. H. Ismail was the next man in, and made partnership with his brother S. D. Ismail. He managed to knock up a good forty, the highest score of the day. The batting of Craigen-gower was weak, a 24 by Lawrence being the best individual score made.

Scores:—

I.R.O.				
A. H. Rumjahn, c Hope, b Omar	1			
S. D. Ismail, b M. H. Abbas	27			
S. H. Ismail, c D'Arcy Evans, b	40			
Abbas	2			
N. B. Kitchell, c Hope, b C. M.	2			
A. H. Madar, run out	1			
A. Arculli, l.b.w., b Major	8			
J. R. Curran, not out	37			
S. A. Ismail, c Lawrence, b Omar	1			
Siridar Khan, c Omar, b Major	14			
M. P. Madar, c Basa, b Major	5			
S. A. Rumjahn, b M. H. Abbas	0			
Extras	19			
Total	154			

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
V. Omar	14	1	49	3
M. H. Abbas	9	0	18	2
Y. Abbas	5	0	19	0
W. Major	17	0	32	2
F. Lawrence	3	0	18	0

CRAIGENGOWER.

F. Lawrence, c Curran, b Arculli	24			
U. Omar, b Arculli	16			
B. Basa, b Madar	25			
B. W. Bradbury, c S. Rumjahn, b	1			
S. H. Ismail	10			
D'Arcy Evans, l.b.w., b Arculli	1			
Grimes, l.b.w., b Madar	8			
Y. Abbas, c S. Khan, b Arculli	0			
Bazzy, b Madar	8			
M. Abbas, b Arculli	15			
Major, c D. Arculli	15			
Hope, not out	2			
Extras	9			
Total	114			

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
A. H. Madar	8	0	29	3
S. H. Ismail	5	0	26	1
A. Arculli	9.5	0	27	6
J. R. Curran	2	0	19	0

K.C.C. 1st XI. v. R.G.A.

The Kowloon Cricket Club first eleven visited the R.G.A. Cricket Club ground on Saturday and defeated the Home side by two wickets and 41 runs.

The Home side went in first, and were dismissed for 67 runs, Capt. Spinks securing six of the wickets for 39 runs, and B. D. Evans took the remaining four for 25 runs. These two players were equally successful with the bat, and going in first for their side, they scored 68 between them, at which figure they retired. The remaining six wickets were dismissed cheaply.

Scores:—

R.G.A.				
Capt. O. Olliver, b Evans	48			
Lt. Chester, l.b.w. Capt. Spinks	1			
Sergt. Stevens, b Evans	0			
Capt. Barrett, c Fletcher, b Capt.	1			
Spinks	39			
Lt. Parke, b Capt. Spinks	9			
Gr. Pomfrey, b Evans	3			
Capt. Bensley, b Capt. Spinks	2			
Gr. Davis, not out	4			
Lt. Fendall, b Evans	2			
Gr. Bernas, c and b Capt.	0			
Spinks	25			
Gr. Bala, std. Benson, b Capt.	0			
Spinks	3			
Extras	3			
Total	67			

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Capt. E. G. Spinks	9	1	39	6
B. D. Evans	8	2	25	4

K.C.C.

Capt. E. G. Spinks, retired	27			
B. D. Evans, retired	35			
L. A. R. Duncan, b Davis	0			
D. Lyon, b Pomfrey	0			
E. F. Spinks, b Pomfrey	4			
W. J. Woolley, b Pomfrey	0			
J. M. Jack, b Pomfrey	8			
J. P. Robinson, c Pomfrey, b Davis	1			
H. H. Benson, not out	2			
Extras	22			
Total (for 9 wks.)	108			

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lt. Fendall	5	0	33	0
Gr. Pomfrey	10	0	33	4
Gr. Davis	5	0	21	2

SECOND LEAGUE.

KOWLOON C.C. v. ROYAL ENGINEERS.

This match was played on the Kowloon ground, and resulted in a draw, neither team finishing its innings. In forcing this conclusion of the game, the K.O.C. have taken away any chances their opponents might have had of winning in the second league, for the Indians are now considerably ahead of them. The Engineers batted first and secured a total of 197 for eight wickets. C.S.M. Pearson made a good 68 before being bowled by Overly, and this was the highest score of the day. Sergt. Townsend and Staff-Sergt. Best did not bat.

Scores:—

R.E.'s.				
Lt. Sgt. Cochrill, b W. J. Shenton	1			
St. Sgt. Brown, c Raitton, b	3			
J. Frank	3			
C.S.M. Pearson, b H. Overly	68			
Capt. Wall, b N. L. Raitton	37			
St. Sgt. Bidpath, c E. J. Edwards,	38			
b W. B. Hackett	38			
Lieut. Hammond, c and b H.	0			
Overly	9			
Cpt. Jacobson, played on Overly	2			
O.S.M. Smith, not out	10			
St. Sgt. Hamblin, c Brown, b J.	29			
Fraser	10			
Extras	10			
Total (for 8 wks., dec.)	197			

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
W. J. Shenton	4	0	23	1
W. L. Weaver	2	0	23	0
J. Fraser	4.1	0	18	2
N. L. Raitton	8	0	42	1
H. Overly	9	0	50	3
W. B. Hackett	2	0	25	1
B. Petheram	1	0	11	0

KOWLOON 2nd XI.

S. Jer, b Jacobson	37			
B. Petheram, c and b Pearson	20			
J. Fraser, b Jacobson	23			
A. O. Brown, c and b Cochrill	19			
E. J. Edwards, b Cochrill	23			
N. L. Raitton, c Pearson, b Town-	18			
send	9			
A. Donnelly, b Townsend	9			
W. L. Weaver, c Wall, b Townsend	0			
H. Overly, not out	17			
W. B. Hackett, b Townsend	4			
W. J. Shenton, not out	0			
Extras	7			
Total (for 9 wks.)	170			

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lt. Hammond	4	0	21	0
Townsend	9	0	33	4
Pearson	4	0	16	1
Cochrill	17	0	63	3
Jacobson	8	1	25	2
Redpath	2	0	6	0

I.R.O. 2nd XI. v. POLICE.

The Indian and XI. played the Police on the latter's ground, and won by a wicket and 79 runs. The Police won the toss and sent their opponents in to bat. The Indians opened cautiously and knocked up 154 runs for 9 wickets in slow time, and declared at 4.30. H. D. Rumjahn stayed in for nearly an hour and was top-scorer for them with 33 runs, which consisted of 29 singles and one four. The Police were all out within an hour for 75 runs. Alexander top-scored for them with 27 runs. Both teams fielded well. H. D. Rumjahn did well with the ball taking 8 wickets for 38 runs. R. Earnshaw taking 4 wickets for 11 runs had the best bowling average for the day.

Scores:—

INDIAN B.C.				
D. Rumjahn, c Watts, b King	24			
H. D. Rumjahn, c Alexander, b R.	33			
Earnshaw	11			
R. Nazarin, run out	10			
F. M. Arculli, b Watts	10			
I. Hassan, b R. Earnshaw	11			
O. Rumjahn, c Elwood, b R. Earn-	0			
shaw	0			
E. Moosdeen, c Elwood, b R. Earn-	9			
shaw	18			
A. Kitchell, c Reynolds, b King	15			
A. K. Mina, c Reynolds, b Kelly	1			
J. Akker, not out	2			
A. R. M. Samy, not out	18			
Extras	21			
Total	154			

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
O. Earnshaw	11	4	18	0
O. Kelly	15	2	47	1
T. H. King	7	0	24	2
N. J. Watts	8	2	15	1
O. Alexander	3	0	18	0
R. Earnshaw	3	1	11	4

POLICE B.C.

C. F. Alexander, c Akker, b H.	27			
D. Rumjahn	30			
M. J. Watts, c Arculli, b H. D.	0			
Rumjahn	0			
B. Earnshaw, c O. Rumjahn, b	0			
Arculli	0			
B. Thorpe, b H. R. Rumjahn	0			
A. Reynolds, l.b.w. Kitchell	19			
A. Baker, b H. D. Rumjahn	3			
T. H. King, not out	10			
C. Earnshaw, b H. D. Rumjahn	4			
E. Kelly, c D. Rumjahn, b H. D.	0			
Rumjahn	0			
E. Elwood, c D. Rumjahn, b H. D.	0			
Rumjahn	0			
H. Hallam, c D. Rumjahn, b H. D.	0			
Rumjahn	0			
Total	75			

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
F. M. Arculli	8	0	23	1
H. D. Rumjahn	10	1	38	3
A. Kitchell	2	1	5	1

FRIENDLY MATCHES.

UNIVERSITY 1st XI. v. H.K.C.C. 1st XI.

A friendly match between the University first eleven and the Hongkong C.C. first eleven was played on the University ground on Saturday and resulted in a draw, the advantage, if anything, resting with the visitors.

The Club had first knock and scored 208 for the loss of seven wickets, at which figure they declared. At this stage L. J. Davies (the Club's wicket-keeper) and Nicholson were hitting out and carried the score from 147, when the seventh wicket fell to 208, and the side declared. Davies' 68 not out included 10 fours. Farthing made a useful 54, which included six boundaries.

The University replied with 110 for the loss of six wickets, the sixth falling when the score stood at 84. T. E. Yeh was the top scorer for his side, making 44.

Scores:—

A. L. Gace, b Balhatchet	3
E. H. Wild, c Balhatchet, b Quick	1
J. D. H. Crawford, b Balhatchet	2
J. D. Humphreys, c Yeoh, b Eum-jahn	23
T. E. Pearce, c Yeoh, b Quick	7
F. H. Farthing, b Quick	54
E. W. Alderson, b Balhatchet	11
L. J. Davies, not out	68
D. E. G. Nicholson, not out	20
Extras	15

MR. MACONACHIE ON MARRIAGE.

"THE MAN WHOSE WIFE WAS TOO GOOD FOR HIM."

MODERN COMMENTS ON AN ANCIENT ROMANCE.

Beginning a series of addresses on Bible types of married life, at Union Church yesterday morning, the Rev. J. Kirk Macconachie spoke (in the presence of a large congregation) of "The Man whose Wife was Too Good for Him," using by way of illustration the romance of Abigail, "a woman of good understanding, and of a beautiful countenance," married to Nabal, "a churlish and evil blackmaster; such a son of Belial that a man cannot speak to him." The story, told in the First Book of Samuel, relates, it may be remembered, that Nabal needlessly and stupidly aroused the wrath of David who, in the peremptory fashion of those days, set out at the head of 400 men to avenge the insult by slaying, before the morning, "all that pertained unto Nabal." Abigail intercepts the warlike men with a judicious present of food (experienced enough to know, Mr. Macconachie suggested, that hungry men are angry men, and that after dinner is a better time than before it for difficult negotiations). She follows her messengers—one defenceless woman against a band of 400 outlaws. "What a speech it is," commented the preacher, "this in which the wife of a man who was not worthy of her averts destruction from him and his. It is one of the great things in literature, as consummately adapted to its purpose as the oration Shakespeare puts into the mouth of Mark Antony over the corpse of Caesar. No man would have withstood it; least of all such a man as David, who with all his faults had a generous nature."

"ABIGAIL PACIFIETH DAVID." And when Abigail saw David, she bowed and lighted off the ass, and fell before David on her face. . . . and said, "Upon me, my lord, upon me let this iniquity be."

Of course, David could not play her as she lay, at his feet. On the contrary, he fell in love with her at first sight. Mr. Macconachie did not mention it, but those in the pew who read on a bit further in the Bible story were interested to find that the narrative conveniently kills the churlish husband ten days later; "his heart died within him and he became as a stone"; and David is able to marry the lady without recourse to the device for getting rid of an inconvenient husband he used in another case, which remains a blot on his memory "even unto this day." But this is a digression by the way; the pulpit is really handling the theme.

Mr. Macconachie drew some interesting reflections from this ancient romance. How came one of the choicest flowers of womanhood to be mated with a son of Belial? he asked. "We are left to conjecture, and unfortunately conjecture is but too easy. Clod though he was, Nabal was a catch in the matrimonial market as this world reckons such things. Abigail's father and mother talked over their well-to-do neighbour's proposals and decided they were good enough to gamble with for their daughter's happiness. Perhaps Nabal is not all that he is painted," they said. "Young men must sow their wild oats, and if he gets a good, handsome wife it will steady him and he will settle down. And then think of those flocks and herds; it's a fine chance for our girl, and not to be thrown away for a trifle. She'll have a fine position and be able to help her sisters and brothers."

"THE MOST DAMNABLE OF ALL TRANSACTIONS."

Thus Abigail's family became devil's advocates and brought out all the old, familiar ploys to justify themselves in the most damnable of all transactions that disgrace a bad, mad world—traffic in womanhood, the purest and most precious thing which God has put into our trust. Mr. Macconachie remarked that one would not be exceeding the probabilities in weaving a romance round the story of this young daughter of Israel. Suppose her heart bestowed on some youth worthy of it, but poor in this world's goods; quite a likely case, with all the materials for one of the worst and commonest tragedies which blot out sunshine from the worldly hearts of men and women.

MARRYING A MAN TO REFORM HIM.

"Or perhaps the maiden, like so many more, imagined that she would succeed (where so many of her sisters have failed) in the extremely risky enterprise of marrying a bad man to reform him." Thus Mr. Macconachie, exploring other avenues of possibility. "Let him do the reforming," was the preacher's advice. The hope of winning a good wife might reform a man, if he had only been playing the fool, so to speak, and knew it, and was sorry for it. But if a man was really bad, let no woman think she was going to change him by giving herself to him. He would drag her down and it would be all or more than she could do to save her soul alive.

There were many men, the preacher said in his concluding remarks, who have better wives than they deserve but, thank God, they are not all like Nabal. Sometimes, too, the marriage which so surprises the gossiping circle ("What on earth can she see in him," or, "Love is blind," one would hear them say)—such a marriage turns out to have been one made in heaven; grace is finding ways, marvellous in our eyes, of spreading itself in our human hearts.

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MUI TSAI BILL.

WELCOMED BY THE CHURCH.

The following is from Church Notes, the St. John's Cathedral magazine:— "The introduction by the Government of a bill for the abolition of the Mui Tsai system in the Colony is a step which will be warmly welcomed by those who have taken the trouble to find out anything of the working of the system, and the passing of the bill will be a step towards removing an ugly blot from the fame of this Colony. Of course there will be some opposition. It is very convenient to have servant girls, who cannot leave when they wish, and naturally the maintainers of the old order will try to retain the old system. But the Government may count on the support of all the best elements both amongst the Chinese and Europeans in their determination to put an end to the odious system. Some of our readers will recollect that in March, 1920, the Rev. H. R. Wells gave an address to the Church of England Men's Society on the subject of Chinese Girl Slaves, and that after the meeting a resolution was passed unanimously to the effect that "this meeting desires to press on the Government the advisability of registering all cases of girl adoption with a view to the ultimate abolition of the condition of girl slavery." We rejoice to see that all these girls are now to be registered and that the system is no longer to be tolerated in the Colony."

ELLIS KADOORIE SCOUTS.

DISPLAY AND CONCERT.

An interesting concert and display was given by the boys of the 6th, Hongkong Troop of Boy Scouts (Ellis Kadoorie School), in the Great Hall of Queen's College on Saturday evening. There was a very large audience consisting almost entirely of Chinese, and it was obvious that the display was enjoyed. A boxing match was included on the programme, and two of the scouts indulged in the noble art in true British style. Drill, both of the plain and Swedish variety, given by the whole troop, demonstrated the pitch of efficiency to which the lads have been brought, and was rather surprising to European eyes. First aid displays and signalling were also included on the programme. English songs were given by the combined troop, and an amusing Chinese sketch. The proceedings concluded with the Chinese rendering of the National Anthem.

UNLAWFUL SOCIETY.

KOWLOON TEAHOUSE UNION PROCLAIMED.

The Government Gazette contains a proclamation stating that His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has declared the Kau Lung Cha Kwei Kung Sheung Lun Hop Wui (otherwise the Kowloon Teahouse Union) to be an unlawful society.

The reason given is that the Union "is being used and is likely to be used for purposes incompatible with the peace and good order of the Colony."

WORLD THEATRE.

THE HIDDEN TRUTH.

Anna Case, the beautiful opera singer, may be seen in her first picture "The Hidden Truth," at the World Theatre to-day and to-morrow. Helen Massill is a dancing girl in a dance hall in one of the Western Mining camps—Having a charming appearance and a wonderful voice, she is the most popular girl in Nugget city. It is a story typical of life in the gold-digging regions, and the interest of the audience is held from start to finish. Roguery and romance are cleverly interwoven and love and virtue end in triumph.

COCKTAILS AND DOMESTICITY.

"Womanliness, like all the precious things, eludes definition. But the word carries with it suggestions of refinement, gentleness, purity, and a certain mingled mystery of goodness and grace which every undegraded youth endows the lady of his dreams and every husband loves to attribute to the beside angel. Poor is its exchange for a mere camaraderie of cocktails, and if the modern woman, in her revolt against the alleged age-long tyranny and oppression of man, insists on effecting the miserable better, it will be as much to the ruin of the world as the error charged against Mother Eve in Eden. Speaking for normal men, one can truly say to you women, 'We want you to be too good for us; we want you because you are too good for us, and because nothing else is good enough if you and we are to be what we should be to one another.'"

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS NEXT SUNDAY.

Mr. Macconachie announced that this series of addresses will be continued on the Sunday after next. Next Sunday two distinguished ministers of the English Presbyterian Church—the Rev. Dr. Macgregor of Wimbledon, a past-Moderator of the Assembly, and the Rev. Dr. MacLagan, General Secretary of the denomination, will be in Hongkong and have promised to preach at Union Church, the first in the morning and the second in the evening. These gentlemen have been visiting the Presbyterian missions at Swatow, Amoy and Formosa and are now on their way home.

ST. PAUL'S GIRLS' SCHOOL ANNUAL PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

The annual prize-giving in connection with St. Paul's Girls' School was held at the Y.M.C.A. on Saturday afternoon. The awards were distributed by Mrs. Grace, who was supported by the Bishop of Victoria (the Rt. Rev. C. R. Huppuy), the Headmistress (Miss Woo), and the Rev. Cheung.

The Headmistress presented the report, which read as follows:—

The 8th year's work of this school was a year which was marked by no small blessing. At our last annual prize-giving the Chairman in the course of his speech remarked: "St. Paul's Girls' School is like a child who has outgrown her clothes." Indeed we have outgrown our clothes. Our last school-building had a floor space for 200 pupils only, and on account of this limitation of space we had to refuse a great number of pupils. After the summer vacation we were fortunate enough to find better premises at 74, Caine Road, which has better light, air and surroundings, and the rooms of which are more adapted for class-rooms. It would be perfect if there were a bigger hall and a larger piece of playground.

The enrollment for 1922 was 320 as against 250 in the previous year, showing an increase of 70 pupils. Special attention was paid to the subjects that were considered weak, and it was gratifying to see the improvement in the examination results. It is the hope of the school to raise its standard year by year. Change of staff is always a hindrance to the progress of a school. We are thankful for not having been greatly affected in this respect; yet we felt the loss of the assistance of Miss Miah and Miss Mitchell who left the Colony last summer. Their places were respectively filled by Mrs. Russell and Mrs. Carr who are both very conscientious workers. We dislike to think that we shall lose Mrs. Miles who is leaving for England in a few days' time. She has been most successful in her undertakings, and her work is greatly appreciated by the girls and myself. We wish her bon voyage. Another person who we feel to be indispensable, is likely to leave us next term: I refer to Miss Pitts.

We are fortunate in having Miss May Giffens back with us after she had spent many months in America. It is no exaggeration to say that she is a priceless kindergarten teacher. Miss Lo Sinn Hing, a new teacher, has been very satisfactory. We hope to add to our staff next term three new teachers—Mr. Chan Hon Ping, Miss Fok and Miss Chu.

I want to make a special mention here of what the Chinese Y.M.C.A. is doing for us. We wish to extend our warmest thanks to the Board of Directors for allowing us to use the Gymnasium once a week, and particularly to the Physical Director, Mr. Dome, for teaching the girls Group Games and Indian Clubs, which afford them many hours of joy and diversion from their studies. The lack of a playground is keenly felt by the School, and I sincerely hope that the Board of Directors will permit us to use the Gymnasium more than once a week, seeing that their daughters' physical training is as important as that of their sons.

There is one other thing that is worthy of mention, namely the opening of a Half-holiday's Free School for Mui Tsai whom the girls teach on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons. This as well as the Summer Vacation School is managed entirely by the girls. The religious work of the School is also very encouraging. After Mrs. Eddies' meetings, as many as one hundred have joined Bible Classes, and twenty are now being prepared for baptism. We would consider the School a failure if we did not endeavour to give the girls Light, and lead them to the Truth.

The Bishop, in the course of a short address congratulated the school on the progress which had been made since its inauguration eight years ago. The Headmistress had told him that in the course of its career the School must have educated at least 2,000 girls. When Miss Woo took over the position of headmistress, just over six and a half years ago, there were about fifty pupils, to-day there were 300, and they had a teaching staff of twenty-seven. From these figures the very great progress that the school had made could be easily seen. The Bishop congratulated them also on getting into their new buildings; they were certainly a great improvement on the old ones.

He wished to commend them also on the practical work they had done, such for instance as the establishment of a school for Mui Tsai. He also wished to congratulate them on the very great progress they had made in physical training. They had had to face great difficulties, as the only chance they had to train was one half hour every week in the Y.M.C.A. Then, again, there was no playground attached to the school, and he hoped that at some early date something would be done to remedy this. Not long ago he was talking to a doctor about the conditions of health in Hongkong, and the large amount of typhus and consumption there was in the Colony. As a result of this, he felt sure that schools of this sort, that he felt sure that schools of this sort were a very valuable asset from the point of view of public health. In conclusion, he wished to thank Mrs. Grace for her kindness in distributing the prizes. He could assure them that in everything which affected the well-being of the school, morally, intellectually, and physically, they had the sympathy of Mrs. Grace.

Mrs. Grace briefly replied, and thanked them for their kindness in asking her to make the distributions that day.

TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF THE PEAK TRAMS.

BUS SERVICE BY NEW ROAD DURING REPAIRS TO MACHINERY.

Peak residents will have a foretaste next week end of joys to come when the new motor road is finished. It is announced that, owing to the necessity for repairs to machinery, the Peak Tramway service will be suspended after the 10 p.m. car on Saturday, February 10th, until the 7 a.m. car on Monday, February 12th.

Simultaneously, the Hongkong Hotel Company are to run a service of buses during the interval from the Hongkong Hotel to the Peak Church.

COMPANY MEETING.

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LTD.

The fourth ordinary yearly meeting of the Bank of East Asia, Ltd., was held on Saturday afternoon, the 3rd instant, at its registered office, No. 10 Des Voeux Central.

Mr. Fong Wai Ting presided, and there were present the Hon. Mr. Chow Shou Son, Messrs. Li Koon Chun, Wong Yun Tong, Mok Ching Kong, Fung Ping Shan, P. K. Kwok, Chan Ching Shok, Ng Chang Luk (Directors), Kan Tong Po (Chief Manager), Li Tse Fong (Assistant Manager) and many shareholders.

The Chief Manager having read the notice convening the meeting.

The CHAIRMAN said:—Gentlemen—As the report and statement of accounts have been in your hands for some time I will follow the usual procedure and, with your permission, take them as read. You will notice that the Bank's business has gained further improvement in 1922, especially in regard to deposit building. Although the general earnings were not so substantial as those of the preceding year, yet, considering the depressed condition of trade as well as the political and social disturbances that have made the year 1922 an unusually bad one, the result obtained is considered very satisfactory. Apart from the 8 per cent. dividend as stipulated in the Articles of Association the Directors have decided to pay a bonus of 2 per cent. on each share of the Company and to add to the Reserve Fund \$300,000, bringing the total up to \$500,000, which I hope will have the whole-hearted support of the shareholders. The safe deposit boxes installed near the middle of the year have afforded exceptional facilities for the safe keeping of valuable documents and jewellery, and I am glad to say they are finding good favour with the community. I now formally propose the adoption of the report and accounts and shall be glad if some one will second the motion.

The motion was unanimously carried on being seconded by Mr. Chow Tung Sang.

The retiring auditors, Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming, were re-elected nem. con. on the motion of Mr. Kwok Siu Law seconded by Mr. Mok Ching Kong.

COMPANY REPORT.

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

The report for presentation to the shareholders at the twenty-sixth ordinary general meeting reads as follows:— Annexed we have the pleasure to lay before shareholders a statement of accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1922.

The net earnings for the past year amount to \$233,487.02 which with \$9,678.12 brought forward from the previous year gives the sum of \$243,165.14 which it is recommended be appropriated as follows:—

To place to Reserve Fund... \$20,000.00
To pay a bonus to Staff... 3,033.00
To place to Equalisation of Dividend a/c... 25,000.00
To Pay a Dividend of 19 1/2 per cent. or \$1.25 per share... 212,500.00
To carry forward to the credit of next year's a/c... 2,632.74

CONSULTING COMMITTEE.—Mr. G. M. Dodwell retired and Mr. T. G. Weall and the Reverend Father H. Souvey were invited to join the Committee. In accordance with the Articles of Association Messrs. H. P. White, U. Poi On, T. G. Weall and the Reverend Father H. Souvey retire, but offer themselves for re-election.

APPROPRIATIONS.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Linstead & Davis and Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming. Messrs. Linstead & Davis and Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming are eligible for election.

A STOWAWAY FROM SINGAPORE.

COMPLAINS ABOUT THE SINGAPORE SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE.

An American unemployed seaman named James Clarence Moore, aged 33, was charged at the Magistracy, on Saturday with stowing away on the s.s. Torilla.

The defendant said that he was paid off at Singapore to go into hospital. A couple of weeks later, he was discharged and went into the Seamen's Institute, pending the return of certain papers establishing his identity. Conditions were so bad in the Institute from ants, mosquitoes and other discomforts that he thought the Hongkong Gaol would be a hotel in comparison. Here he was sure he would receive far more comfort than he would have obtained in the Southern port, where a prolonged stay would have resulted in a relapse.

The Magistrate said what had transpired at Singapore between him and the Council was a matter which did not concern the Court.

A fine of \$25 with the alternative of fourteen days' hard labour was ordered.

LANE, CRAWFORD, LTD.

PROVISION DEPT.

English York Cut Hams, ...	per lb. 1.30
"Pineapple" Bacon ...	" 1.30
American Cheese ...	" 0.90
MacLarens Imperial Cheese ...	per jar 1.00 and 1.50
Gruyere Cream Cheese ...	per tin 1.30
Ox Tongues "Libbys" ...	\$3.50, \$5.00 and 6.00
Bologna Sausage ...	per tin 0.85
Oliver Drings Cambridge Sausage ...	" 1.00
C & B Oxford Sausages ...	" 1.15
" Cambridge ...	" 0.75
Walls Pork ...	" 1.20

GROCERY DEPT.

Noels Jams, Strawberry, Blackcurrant, Raspberry, Greengage and Red Currant (Glass jars) ...	0.70
Del Monte Asparagus ...	per tin 0.90
" Brussel Sprouts ...	" 0.50
" Parsnips ...	" 0.50
English Marrowfat Peas ...	" 0.65
Ceylon Tea ...	per lb. 1.00
Hankow Tea ...	" 1.00
Breakfast Blend Tea ...	" 1.00
Coffee, Finest Blend (Roasted and Ground daily) ...	0.85

PHONE 1741.

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COMPLETE SHIPS' OUTFITS.

DECK AND ENGINE ROOM STORES.

OILS, PAINTS AND VARNISH IMPORTERS.

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BY LEO. GODOWSKY

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CAMPANELLS (LISZT)
HARK! HARK! THE LARK
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SPECIAL LINE:

WOOLLEN CHEVIOT

\$2.50 & \$2.75

TWEEDS FROM 1.25
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SHOES FROM \$3.00

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

THE THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the above Association will be held in ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH HALL, on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12th at 8 p.m.

All Kowloon residents are cordially invited to attend.

A. MORLEY,
Hon. Secretary.
Kowloon, February 5th, 1923. [322]

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN THE GOODS OF RAPHAEL AARON GURRAY late of Victoria, Hongkong, Exchange Broker (deceased).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has, by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance 1897 (No. 3 of 1897) made an order limiting the time for sending in claims to or against the above Estate to the 28th day of FEBRUARY, 1923. Creditors and Claimants are hereby required to send their Claims to the Underigned by the above date.

Dated this 3rd day of February, 1923.
DEACON, HARSTON & SHENTON,
Proctors for the Executor.
1, Des Vaux Road Central, Hongkong. [325]

UNION WATERBOAT CO. LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. DODWELL & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, the 15th FEBRUARY, 1923, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1922.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to 13th February, 1923, both dates inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
General Managers. [324]

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 24th FEBRUARY, 1923, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1922.

The Register of shares of the Corporation will be CLOSED from Monday, 12th February, to Saturday, 24th February, 1923 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
A. G. STEPHEN,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 5th February, 1923. [320]

CHINESE GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS CANTON-KOWLOON LINE.

WITH the approval of the Ministry of Communications, TENDERS are invited by the HEAD OFFICE of the CANTON-KOWLOON RAILWAY, CHINESE SECTION, for the supply of TWO LOCOMOTIVE BOILERS. The Boilers are required to be identical and interchangeable with those of the Main Line Engines of the Railway and to fit the present frames: quotations to be C.I.F. Hongkong and delivery on to Railway Wagons at Holt's Wharf.

Specification, drawings and full particulars may be obtained upon application to the Head Office of the Railway at Canton. Applications must be accompanied by a cheque for \$1,005.00, of which \$35.00 is for cost of drawings and specification, and \$1,000.00 for deposit which will be returned upon receipt of a bona fide tender.

TENDERS, enclosed in sealed envelope clearly marked "TENDER FOR LOCOMOTIVE BOILERS," and addressed to "The Managing Director, Canton-Kowloon Railway, Chinese Section, Canton," will be received up to the 4th day of May, 1923.

The firm whose tender is accepted will be required to sign a formal Contract and to furnish a deposit or guarantee to the amount of 10 per cent. of the value of the contract for the due performance thereof.

The Railway does not bind itself to accept the lowest, or any, tender.

The Head Office,
CANTON-KOWLOON RAILWAY,
Canton, 5th February, 1923. [321]

S.S. "ANGERS"

SERVICES CONTRACTUELS DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from Marseilles, &c., in connection with above Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risks into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before Noon, To-day, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after the 9th inst. at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 13th inst. or they will not be recognized. All damaged packages will be examined on Friday, the 9th inst. at 10 a.m., by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

R. RODENFUSER,
Acting Agent.
Hongkong, 3rd February, 1923. [323]

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTIFICATION.

THE Office and Stations of the CHINESE MARITIME CUSTOMS for Kowloon and District will be CLOSED to Public Business on the 15th FEBRUARY (Commemoration Day of the Republic of China), and from the 15th to 17th FEBRUARY, inclusive (Chinese New Year Holidays).

C. THORNE,
Commissioner of Chinese Customs,
Kowloon and District.
3rd February, 1923. [327]

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN THE GOODS OF RAPHAEL EMANUEL BELLICO, late of Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, Barrister-at-Law, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has, by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance 1897 (No. 3 of 1897) made an Order limiting the time for sending in claims to or against the above Estate to the 28th day of FEBRUARY, 1923. Creditors and Claimants are hereby required to send their Claims to the Underigned by the above date.

Dated this 29th day of January, 1923.
DEACON, HARSTON & SHENTON,
Proctors for the Administrators.
1, Des Vaux Road Central, Hongkong. [329]

PARTICULARS

VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY

Situate No. 13, WING HING STREET, VICTORIA, HONGKONG.

To be Sold by Order of the Mortgagees

By PUBLIC AUCTION, IN ONE LOT

On MONDAY,

The 5th DAY OF FEB, 1923, at 3 o'clock P.M.

By Messrs. LAMBERT BROTHERS

At Their Office, DUNDRELL STREET.

THE Property consists of First ALL THAT piece or parcel of ground situate at Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong and registered in the Land Office as SECTION A of INLAND LOT No. 2168 together with the messuages erections or buildings thereon now known as No. 13, Wing Hing Street and Secondly ALL THAT strip of land at the rear of the said Section A of Inland Lot No. 2168 being a scavenging lane. All of which premises are held for the residue of the term of 75 years from the 15th day of May, 1916, created by the Crown Lease thereof together with the valuable machinery now situate in or upon the said premises and at No. 1 Gordon Street.

Particulars and Conditions of sale may be obtained from

Messrs. HASTINGS & HASTINGS, Solicitors,

8, Des Vaux Road Central,

and Messrs. LAMBERT BROTHERS, Auctioneers.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

Messrs. LAMBERT BROTHERS

have received instructions to sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION,

on THURSDAY,

the 8th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1923, at THREE o'clock P.M.

At their Auction Rooms

In DUNDRELL STREET,

THE VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTIES

Situate near Saigon Street, Yaumatei in the Colony of Hongkong and being Portions of Section D of Kowloon Marine Lot No. 49 intended to be registered in the Land Office as SUBSECTIONS 1, 2 AND 3 OF SECTION D OF KOWLOON MARINE LOT No. 49.

To be sold

IN THREE LOTS

Each Lot containing an area of 4,758 square feet or thereabouts and more, particularly shown and delineated on a plan exhibited at the Office of Messrs. DEACON, HARSTON & SHENTON and at the Auction Rooms of the Auctioneers.

LOT 1.—Subsection 1 of Section D of Kowloon Marine Lot No. 49 as per plan.

LOT 2.—Subsection 2 of Section D of Kowloon Marine Lot No. 49 as per plan and

LOT 3.—Subsection 3 of Section D of Kowloon Marine Lot No. 49 as per plan.

ALL THE LOTS WILL BE SOLD EXCLUSIVE OF RECLAMATION RIGHTS.

For further Particulars and Conditions of Sale apply

Messrs. DEACON, HARSTON & SHENTON, Solicitors,

1, Des Vaux Road Central, or to

Messrs. LAMBERT BROTHERS, the Auctioneers. [326]

BY ORDER OF THE EXECUTOR.

PUBLIC AUCTION

of the FOLLOWING VALUABLE and DESIRABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY,

Inland Lot No. 1772 and the messuages known as "ULBANK," No. 2, MAT ROAD, Situate thereon.

TO BE SOLD

Subject to a Reserve Price

on TUESDAY,

the 13th day of FEBRUARY, 1923, at 3 P.M., by

LAMBERT BROTHERS, Auctioneers, at their Sales Room, Dundrell Street.

Particulars and Conditions of Sale can be obtained from

Messrs. DEACON, HARSTON & SHENTON, No. 1, Des Vaux Road Central or from

Messrs. LAMBERT BROTHERS, The Auctioneers, Hongkong, 1st February, 1923. [315]

INTIMATIONS

HONGKONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

INTERPORT GAME.

HONGKONG v. SHANGHAI

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17th.

Club Ground, Kick off at 4 p.m. sharp.

SOUTH CHINA ATHLETIC v. SHANGHAI

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19th.

Club Ground, kick off at 4 p.m. sharp.

BOTH GAMES.

ADMISSION TO STANDS:—

Covered (All Reserved) ... \$2.00
Uncovered (Reserved) ... 1.50
Unreserved ... 1.00
Chairs ... 0.50

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price to all the Unreserved Seats.
Booking for the Reserved Accommodation opens at MOUTRIER on the 5th. [310]

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FEBRUARY SETTLEMENT DAY has been altered from MONDAY, 26th, to FRIDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY, 1923.

By Order of the Committee.
F. TESTER,
Secretary. [283]

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

THE TWENTY-SIXTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, ST. GEORGE'S BUILDING, No. 6, CONNAUGHT ROAD, on SATURDAY, the 10th of FEBRUARY, 1923, at 11 o'clock A.M., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ended 31st December, 1922, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Thursday, the 1st February, 1923, until Saturday, the 10th February, 1923, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1923. [376]

HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS IN THIS COMPANY will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 10th FEBRUARY, 1923, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1922.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 5th February to the 12th February (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.
Hongkong, 24th January, 1923. [370]

THE KOWLOON LAND & BUILDING CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FOURTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's Office, VICTORIA BUILDINGS, on TUESDAY, 13th FEBRUARY, 1923, at 11.30 o'clock A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for year ending 31st December, 1922.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from Monday, 5th February to Tuesday, 13th February, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Secretary.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENT CO., LTD., General Agents for

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 29th January, 1923. [325]

THE HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, 44, DES VAUX ROAD, on TUESDAY, 13th FEBRUARY, 1923, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and electing Directors and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Monday, 28th January, to Tuesday, 13th February, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
JOHN ARNOLD,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 18th January, 1923. [219]

THE CORONET.

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ROMANCE.

KOWLOON THEATRE.

A BEGGAR IN PURPLE.

INTIMATION

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Fresh shipment of

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BIRTHS.

AMIDANT.—At Shanghai, on January 28th, to Mr. and Mrs. L. AMIDANT, a son.

DOYLE.—At Shanghai, on January 28th, to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. DOYLE, a daughter.

LINDSEY.—At Shanghai, on January 28th, to Mr. and Mrs. H. S. LINDSEY, a son.

DEATHS.

BERG.—At Shanghai, on January 28th, EMMA MARY RAGSDALE BERG, wife of George P. Berg.

REINSCHE.—At Dr. Fearn's Hospital, Shanghai, on January 28th, Dr. PAUL S. REINSCHE, at the age of 53.

HONGKONG OFFICE: 104, DES VAUX RD., C.

LONDON OFFICE: 131, FLEET STREET, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 5TH, 1923.

OIL IN TROUBLED WATERS.

Is the news in connection with Saghalien oil, which was reported from Paris on January 29th is correct, we may be sure that it lies the germ of considerable trouble. According to the *Chicago Tribune's* Moscow correspondent, the Soviet has granted an America oil company a concession lasting for thirty-six years under which the Americans may exploit petroleum in an area of five hundred square miles in Northern Saghalien, and they may also construct two ports on the Pacific coast. This news, if trustworthy—and, since the *Manchester Guardian* has commented upon it, it seems likely to have some basis of fact—will cause a good deal of activity in the Foreign Office at Tokyo.

The island of Saghalien has been a centre of Japanese interest for a very long time, an expedition having been sent to explore it in 1793. At the time when Japan first awoke to the danger of Russia's expansion from the North, she was still rubbing her eyes after her awakening from two centuries of sleepy seclusion and the Russians were able to insist on their claims to Saghalien in return for a cash payment and the simple process of recognizing Japan's sovereignty over the Kurile islands. This event took place in 1875.

When Japan became fairly launched on that policy of territorial and economic expansion whose end is not yet, she seems to have shaped her endeavour in accordance with two principles—one territorial, the other economic. With the latter we are not now much concerned, but her policy of territorial expansion is worth

a moment's attention. Between 1878 and 1911 the following territories were successively added to her Empire: First, the Loochin islands; next, Formosa and the Pescadores; then, the Southern half of Saghalien and the Kwantung peninsula; and, lastly, Korea. A glance at the map will show that by those acquisitions Japan has built herself into a wall which runs like a breakwater from a point off the China coast adjacent to Swatow up to a point on the coast north of Vladivostok. Within the seclusion of this barricade, the policy of economic exploitation on the continent (assisted where possible by territorial gain) has been, and is being, vigorously pursued. It will be observed, however, that the barrier is not complete. There is a gap in the north occupied by the upper half of Saghalien. As a consequence of events arising from the Great War, Japan, until the last few months has held Vladivostok, dominated the Maritime Provinces of Siberia, and still has troops in Northern Saghalien in and around the port of Nikolavsk, and, so far as we have been able to ascertain, such government as may be said to exist in the north of Saghalien to-day is controlled by Japan.

Events have obliged the Japanese to evacuate Vladivostok, and it may be we shall eventually hear of them leaving Nikolavsk. So far as the military party are concerned, this evacuation will be very reluctantly carried out, since of recent years a new factor has invested Saghalien with special importance in the eyes of the Japanese. This is the discovery of its petroleum. Modern navies move on oil fuel, and a fleet without fuel is like an army without food. The war-time requirements of the Japanese fleet probably exceed 1,000,000 tons, and at the present Japan is almost entirely dependent on foreign supplies in this respect. In order to rectify this distressing situation, the naval authorities have been busy for some time in accumulating a reserve, and they have financed oil-boring operations in Saghalien. Though at present the tapings have not come up to expectations, there seems no doubt that the oil is there. It will thus be appreciated that the presence of an American oil company in Saghalien can hardly be otherwise than distasteful to the Japanese Government.

Finally, there is the question of the two ports which the company are to have the right to develop. To appreciate the situation in regard to Japan of a port on the coast of Saghalien it is necessary to look at a map of a-type of which possibly a considerable number of our readers have never heard, let alone seen. We refer to a Gnomonic projection. Accustomed as we are to look at the ordinary Mercator's projection, we insensibly form an opinion in regard to the situation and area of Northern and Southern lands that is totally opposed to the actual facts. The Mercator map, accurate enough for the small latitudes, is a caricature of the earth from about 35 degrees North and South up to the Poles. On a Gnomonic projection (or a globe) one can see at a glance that a portion in Saghalien under American control, though suffering from the disadvantage of ice in winter, would in certain eventualities be an extremely painful thorn in Japanese flesh. It would lie a few hundred miles from the mainland and from Dutch Harbour, which is an ice-free American port in the Aleutian Islands. We do not suggest for a moment that the activities of the American company are other than purely commercial, but, unless we are greatly at fault in our estimation of the mentality of the military party in Japan, those activities, however innocent, will be suspected as fraught with danger to the Empire of Japan, and in any event a spoke in the wheel of that domination of North-Eastern Asia which the records of the past indicate as being Japanese policy. For these several reasons, then, we forecast that if the telegram on which we have based these reflections is the statement of a fact, it is also the birth announcement of an addition to the already numerous and squalling family of "Far Eastern Questions."

Police Sergeant F. James has been appointed to be a sanitary inspector for Stanley.

Admiral Sir Arthur Leveson, K.O.B., is to distribute the prizes at St. Paul's College on Wednesday.

The former Manchu Imperial House is reported to have presented the Peking Government with a demand that an article providing for special treatment and privileges for members of the Royal House be included in the Permanent Constitution.

The Japan papers announce the engagement of Miss Margaret Maitland, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Maitland, of Yokohama, and Mr. H. E. Adams, at present in Tokio. The wedding will probably take place in the latter part of next month.

Mr. J. Balston, of Queen's College, was the victim of an impudent theft in Lyndhurst Terrace, near Pottinger Street at about 1.50 p.m. on Friday. He was walking with Mr. J. O. Fletcher when he noticed that a gold watch with a silk fob and pendant worth £20 and \$40 in notes were missing from his waistcoat pocket.

To-day (Monday) at 5.30 p.m. Mr. H. W. Kent will give a lecture at the Helena May Institute, 40, collecting Chinese Pottery and Porcelain and other Curios. A small display of curios will be on view before the lecture, which will be illustrated. All who are interested in the subject are cordially invited to attend.—ADVT.

A notification in the *Government Gazette* states that "in accordance with section 7 of the St. Joseph's College Incorporation Ordinance 1921 satisfactory evidence has been furnished to His Excellency the Governor by Brother Almer Pierre of his appointment as the Director in Hongkong of St. Joseph's College." Brother Almer has been engaged in Educational work in the Straits Settlements, but is well-known in Hongkong where he previously acted for a time as Director of St. Joseph's College. He has recently returned to the East from France, and arrived in Hongkong a week ago.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING POLITICAL AFFAIRS.

ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER APPOINTED.

PEKING, February 3rd.

A Mandate, issued last night, appointed Huang Fu acting Foreign Minister and accepted Mr. Alfred Sze's resignation. Huang Fu is at present director of the financial conference, and he was at one time financial advisor at the Washington Conference, hence it is considered his advice will be useful in the present financial difficulties of the Government.

GOVERNMENT INTERVENES ON BEHALF OF RAILWAYMEN.

Owing to General Chin Yun Ao dissolving the Railwaymen's Union headquarters at Cheng Chow, railwaymen on the Peking-Hankow railway struck this morning. No trains are running from from Peking to the South.

The Government has wired to Chin Yun Ao ordering him not to interfere with the workmen's headquarters, hence it is expected that the strike will speedily be over.

NEW TULI OF KWANGTUNG SUGGESTED.

Tsai Cheng Hsun, the Tuli of Kiangsi, has wired urging the Government to appoint Shen Hung Ying to the post of Tuli of Kwangtung.

DUPLICATE CHINESE BONDS.

CLAIM BY THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK.

PEKING, February 4th.

Semi-official statements in the newspapers state that the Ministry of Finance has protested against the detention by the Yokohama Specie Bank of a portion of the Salt surplus for the last two months for the declared purpose of meeting coupons of the 1913 Reorganisation Loan. The Ministry affirms that the coupons in possession of the bank are advance bonds which should have been replaced by actual bonds, but the outbreak of the war prevented the Russian bankers withdrawing the advance bonds, while the actual bonds were retained at the Petrograd Treasury pending better exchange conditions. Subsequently the formal loan bonds came into the possession of the Bolsheviks who attempted to dispose of them in London and Paris markets, but both governments entered a caveat. Now, somehow or other, duplicates have come into the hands of the Yokohama Specie Bank. These coupons are said to amount to \$127,585, but the Bank is detaining two million dollars.

The Ministry of Finance points out that as the advance bonds issued by the Russian Bank were withdrawn, the Chinese Government would have to pay twice for the same bond if compelled to honour the interest coupon of duplicate bonds

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.
[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]FRANCE AND GERMANY.
RUHR RAILWAY EASTWARD
TRAFFIC SUSPENDED.

PARIS, February 3rd.
It is stated that the arrangements for the closing of the Ruhr have worked perfectly, and yesterday all trains to the east were stopped. Advice from Essen state that the postmen have resumed.

GERMAN PROTEST REGARDING
REFUSAL OF MORATORIUM.

PARIS, February 3rd.
The first German note sent to the Reparations Commission, since the occupation of the Ruhr, protests against the refusal to grant a moratorium and the application for a normal rate of payments. It urges the commission to make a new estimate of Germany's capacity.

ANOTHER GERMAN OFFICIAL
UNDER ARREST.

BERLIN, February 3rd.
Advice from Cologne state that the French have arrested Herr Fuchs, Oberpräsident of the Rhine Province.

CONTRADICTION FRENCH AND
GERMAN REPORTS.

LONDON, February 3rd.
While the French newspapers continue to refer optimistically to the relaxation of the tension on the Ruhr and to speak of the Germans freely co-operating with the French and also to prophesy that traffic will be restored to normal within a few days, German journals intimate that anti-French feeling is hardening throughout the country, quoting as an instance the refusal of the Head Quarters of the Reichswehr at Munich, to talk to the French and Belgian members of the Control Commission, who were seeking to carry out an inspection.

It is learned in London, that the German, yesterday, stopped the Paris-Bucarest and Paris-Prague expresses, on the ground of shortage of coal. The French retaliated by suspending the passenger traffic on the Karlsruhe and Basel lines, with the exception of the Holland and Swiss expresses.

COLOGNE, February 3rd.
A fierce agitation has resulted from the recent order forbidding German policemen to salute Franco-Belgian officers. A policeman at Bechem has been arrested and horsewhipped for failing to salute. The French are confiscating the contents of the shops for refusing to serve French and Belgians.

FATAL AFFRAY IN A
TRAM CAR.

BRUSSELS, February 3rd.
Two Belgian soldiers boarded an Oberhausen-Essen tram-car and the refusal of the conductor to accept their passes led to an altercation, in which the passengers joined. The angry crowd attempted to eject the soldiers, who, in self defence used their arms, killing the conductor and wounding a passenger.

GERMAN OFFICIAL INDICTED FOR
HIGH TREASON.

COLOGNE, February 3rd.
The Customs Inspector at Duisburg is being indicted for High Treason by the German Supreme Court, for handing over his books and documents to the Belgians.

BERLIN, February 3rd.
Semi-official rumours to the effect that the Germans are preparing to yield to French pressure are untrue; on the contrary the Government's resistance is increasing.

PARIS, February 3rd.
The Inter-Allied Commission has suspended four Cologne newspapers for a period of three days, for a refusal to print a communication when ordered to do so.

REPARATIONS QUESTION RAISED
IN LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

PARIS, February 3rd.
M. H. Branting (Prime Minister of Sweden) raised the reparations question at a private session of the Council of the League of Nations, but it is not likely that a statement will be issued.

CONSIDERATION BY LEAGUE
WOULD BE PREMATURE.

PARIS, February 3rd.
The Council of the League of Nations has adjourned until April, without discussing the reparations question, of which they were unofficially apprised. Mr. Branting interviewed by Reuters said that the secret session of the League of Nations Council, at which he raised the subject of reparations, considered that the pursuit of the question would be premature and inadmissible until the Government concerned had solicited the League's assistance.

GREAT BRITAIN STILL OPPOSED
TO MORATORIUM.

PARIS, February 3rd.
Great Britain, in abstaining from the reparations decision resolved to maintain her decision to refuse a moratorium, and will insist on the enforcement of the schedule of payments fixed last year, regarding cash and wood.

FRENCH BUDGET REJECTED BY
SENATE FINANCE COMMISSION.

PARIS, February 3rd.
Though the Chamber of Deputies recently adopted the Budget, it has not succeeded in balancing revenue and expenditure, and the Finance Commission of the Senate has now refused to examine the Budget before the Chamber has succeeded in balancing it. The sub-committee recently appointed on the matter, by the Chamber's Finance Commission, has decided to submit to the bankers and financiers a scheme whereby taxation officials are empowered to enter banks in order to examine accounts. The sub-committee will, subsequently, with the Minister of Finance, investigate further methods of reducing expenditure and creating fresh taxation resources to replace the twenty per cent. general increase in taxation, which has been dropped. Thereafter, an attempt will be made to draft a bill for presentation to the Chamber.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES SHOW
GOOD RECOVERIES.

LONDON, February 3rd.
Foreign exchanges made good recoveries, closing with French francs 75.55, Belgian 86.05, Lire 87, marks 173,000, to 178,000, and sterling 4.67.

LATER.
Foreign exchanges have substantially recovered and closed with French francs at 73.05, Belgian 82.75, Lire 97, marks 168,000 to 173,000, sterling 4.67.

SITUATION RAPIDLY REACHING
AN IMPASSE.

LONDON, February 3rd.
The situation inside the Ruhr is becoming somewhat better, owing to the German renunciation of the past programme of "bitter end" resistance, rather than admit a partial success of French impositions and repression. Impartial observers feel, however, that the position is rapidly reaching an impasse in which both countries will be glad to come to terms. France is not likely to make overtures, but it is improbable that she will look askance at German proposals. The German Government is somewhat helpless however, in this matter, and the key of the position is held by the industrial magnates.

LLOYD GEORGE THINKS FRANCE
WILL SUFFER HEAVILY.

Mr. Lloyd George, asked his opinion as regards the Ruhr, on his return to London, said he was of the opinion that France will suffer heavily owing to her occupation of that region. He strongly dissented from the idea of the withdrawal of British troops from the occupied area.

GERMANY PROTESTS AGAINST
COAL BLOCKADE.

BERLIN, February 3rd.
The Government has presented a Note to France strongly protesting against the coal blockade of unoccupied Germany, repudiating the French contention that Germany has committed a breach of the Peace Treaty, and declaring that the reason for the blockade is the failure of France's first act of violence, namely, the occupation of the Ruhr, which is driving France to commit fresh acts of injustice. The French and Polish diplomatic representatives at Berlin handed to the German Foreign Office a Note protesting against the restriction of international train services between France and Poland, as a violation of the Peace Treaty.

AN AMERICAN LABOUR VIEW.

NEW YORK, February 2nd.
The Central Trades Labour Council, with a membership of half a million, has passed a resolution urging the Government to use its good office to secure the immediate withdrawal of the French from Germany, declaring the occupation is unjustifiable and threatens the stability of Europe and America.

THE RUHR SITUATION.

[BY COURTESY OF THE FRENCH CONSUL.]

BORDEAUX, February 2nd.
The new Administration of the Ruhr is working satisfactorily.

The railway service is working regularly in the district of Treves, the Palatinat and in the British zone. Bonn workmen offered to repair the broken machinery and material.

The directing staff of railways having been expelled, the subaltern staff at Dusseldorf appointed new Directors and resume their service under French control. At Essen the postmen unconditionally resumed their work.

A general feeling of relief prevails amongst the workmen and merchants.

LATEST CABLES.
[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]THE FRENCH NOTE TO
ANGORA.FRANCE FULLY SUPPORTS THE
ALLIES.

LAUSANNE, February 3rd.
M. Poincare has instructed M. Bompard to support the British, and to tell Ismet Pasha that the Allied concessions are final, and must be accepted.

It is understood that the concessions include the abandonment of the demand for the limitation of Turkish forces in East Thrace, a reduction of war damages from £15,000,000 to £12,000,000 and the renunciation of the Judicial Capitulations, but demanding the appointment of European judicial advisers in the reorganisation of the Turkish Judiciary. There is no change as regards Mosul.

TURKO-AMERICAN COMMERCIAL
TREATY POSSIBLE.

LAUSANNE, February 3rd.
There is every reason to believe that a Turko-American treaty of amity and commerce will be concluded at Lausanne if the treaty with the Allies is signed, but not otherwise.

EARLIER CABLES.

AN EXPLANATION PUBLISHED.

TURKS ARE CALMER NOW.

LONDON, February 2nd.
An explanation of the mystery of the French note to Angora is given by the Manchester Guardian, which says M. Poincare sent two telegrams to Angora, the first of which urged the Turks to accept the treaty, which was far better than it could possibly have been but for the efforts of France. Angora replied indignantly accusing France of working with Britain against Turkey. M. Poincare, thinking from the tone of the message that Turkey would reject the treaty, sent a second telegram saying the treaty must not be regarded as an ultimatum, and that the French delegation would anyhow remain at Lausanne, and using other phrases to which serious objection has been taken in England. Lord Curzon was not shown the telegrams, but was informed of them. As a result of this second telegram, Angora asked for time for consideration instead of rejecting the treaty, as she would otherwise have done.

CONSTANTINOPLE, February 2nd.

The news of the improved atmosphere at Lausanne has been greeted with relief by the Turks, the great bulk of whom do not wish for further fighting. The moderate elements at Angora, constituting the majority of the Assembly, are beginning to assert themselves in favour of peace. The calm confidence of the British authorities has impressed the Turks with the strength of the British position.

LATEST CABLES.

LITHUANIAN DISPUTE.

CONTESTANTS RECEIVE A STERN
WARNING.

PARIS, February 3rd.
The talk of the Lithuanian delegates of recourse to arms evoked stern warnings as to possible intervention by the League of Nations from Mr. Balfour and Signor Viviani (Italian Delegate) at a public sitting of the Council of the League, which approved of the provisional demarcation line for neutral zones between Poland and Lithuania, as recommended by the League's investigator. Orders have been issued to Poland and Lithuania to disarm and dissolve the bands of irregulars who are infesting the district.

LITHUANIANS STILL TALK OF A
RECOURSE TO ARMS.

The Polish delegate accepted the League's orders, but the Lithuanian delegate declined, declaring that Lithuania insisted on a return to the Sukalki line, as accepted by both countries before the Zeligowski coup d'etat. He added that Lithuania would resist to the utmost the occupation of territory now allotted to Poland.

KOVNO, February 2nd.

The Lithuanian Government has refused to comply with the ultimatum of the Ambassadors' Conference, mentioned in a cable message dated January 31st.

LATEST CABLES.

DEBT FUNDING.
ARRANGEMENTS FOR BRITISH
PAYMENTS TO AMERICA.

WASHINGTON, January 3rd.
Under the Anglo-American debt funding scheme, the parties have agreed with regard to the balance of 4,604,000,000 dollars due December 15th. Four millions of this amount will be paid in cash, and British bonds will be issued for the balance. The principal will be repayable in annual instalments, but with the option of triennial payments. The first instalment will be \$23,000,000 and instalments will increase progressively to the sixty-second year, when the amount will be \$175,000,000. The interest will be payable half yearly, beginning at 3 per cent. up to 1932, and 3 1/2 per cent. thereafter. Half of the interest, during the first five years, may be added to the principal and bonds issued for the amount. Payments may be made in United States Government Bonds issued since April 17th or in war-time issues; this will allow Great Britain to purchase American Bonds at the most opportune times. It is believed that this will sustain the price of American Bonds and simultaneously stabilize Anglo-American exchange.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE'S PESSIMISTIC
VIEWS.

LONDON, February 3rd.
Interviewed on his return from his holiday in Spain, Mr. Lloyd George said that in his opinion the debt funding terms would not only impose a heavy burden on Great Britain, but would diminish American markets all over the world.

WHITE HOUSE DECLARES FINAL
AGREEMENT REACHED.

WASHINGTON, February 3rd.
The American Debt Funding Commission and Sir Auckland Geddes have finally agreed as regards the British debt. It is declared at White House that President Harding considers the terms acceptable from every point of view and that they should be endorsed by Congress during the present session.

THE QUESTION OF ALLIED DEBTS
TO GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, February 3rd.
The question of Allied debts to Great Britain is attracting renewed interest in consequence of the Anglo-American debt settlement.

A weighty article in the Observer, apparently representing an important body of responsible opinion, points out that Mr. Bonar Law's offer at the December conference to rescind the Balfour note, on condition that France met British views on the Ruhr question, automatically lapsed. Great Britain is therefore still committed to the principle of exacting a minimum of payment from her Allies equivalent to Great Britain's debt to America. It is shown that the British debt to America was incurred on behalf of the Allies. Great Britain is not demanding the French and Italian contribution to that debt; but the Allies' direct debts to Great Britain, which amount is nearly two billions sterling, are a different matter. Surprise is expressed at the assumption in some British quarters that the French and Italian debts are not going to be paid. The Observer believes that when funding operations between the Allies and ourselves are begun, as they ought to soon, it will be found that Great Britain is prepared to make generous terms.

SETTLEMENT OF A MOMENTOUS
QUESTION.

LONDON, February 3rd.
Mr. Baldwin at Birmingham said that the settlement of the momentous question of the debt to America was a necessary prelude to the settlement of European questions, and Great Britain's action was an inspiration for the countries which had, up to the present, made no effort to pay their debts. It was unthinkable that Great Britain should default in the greatest financial transaction in the history of the world, which had been carried out with honesty and expediency going hand in hand, as was not always done.

EMPIRE WIRELESS.

CABINET TO RECEIVE REPORT
NEXT WEEK.

LONDON, February 3rd.
Regarding the prospect of an early announcement of Government policy on the subject of the provision of Empire wireless services, the Observer understands that the Imperial Communication Committee, which is considering the subject, will present its report to the Cabinet during the coming week. The Observer forecasts that the committee will favour the open door for private enterprise, and the opinion is expressed that if the Government accept this policy, there is an assured prospect of the Empire being equipped with an adequate wireless system.

LATEST CABLES.

ORGANISED SABOTAGE
IN IRELAND.OMINOUS UTTERANCE BY DE
VALERA.

LONDON, February 3rd.
The Rebel campaign of arson and destruction, in reprisal for the Free State executions, reached its height during the past week, and included the destruction of the residences of two Senators and a number of other prominent Free State personages, the burning of two main line trains, the destruction of the Cavan and Leitrim railway locomotive works, and also Youghal's water supply.

The situation is so serious that members of the Republican army who left the force when the Anglo-Irish treaty was signed, and have not participated in the Civil War, have convoked a national convention for to-morrow, with a view to making peace. The latest utterances of De Valera and Mr. O'Higgins (Minister for Home Affairs) do not suggest that the effort will be successful. De Valera, interviewed in his hiding-place, emphasised his intention of continuing the rebellion, stating that in his opinion the Free State was doomed. Mr. O'Higgins to-day retorted that De Valera was like his compatriot Don Quixote, tilting at windmills, and the Government would take the gravest decisions if organised sabotage continued.

RUBBER PRODUCTION.

MAXIMUM INCREASED FOR SMALL
ESTATES.

LONDON, February 3rd.
The Duke of Devonshire (Secretary of State for the Colonies) in response to representations, has authorised an increase in the maximum assessment of the standard production of rubber, where the actual figure is unknown, to 428 lbs. per acre yearly, in the case of the first five acres on estates under twenty-five acres in Ceylon and Malaya. The increase is to date from February 1st.

NAVAL LIMITATION.

ITALY TO RATIFY WASHINGTON
TREATY.

LONDON, February 3rd.
Reuters learns that M. Mussolini (Prime Minister of Italy) is expected shortly to arrange for the ratification of Italy, of the Washington Naval Treaty.

NEW FILM INVENTION.

FOUR PICTURES SHOWN
SIMULTANEOUSLY.

THE HAGUE, February 3rd.
Two Dutchmen have invented a film whereby four pictures are shown simultaneously, giving the effect of a stereoscope.

GERMAN MINE DISASTER.

OVER ONE HUNDRED BODIES
RECOVERED.

BERLIN, February 3rd.
The bodies recovered from the Benthien mine now number 112.

EARLIER CABLES.

BLASPHEMY IN RUSSIA.

"DESTROYING CHRISTIANITY."

BERLIN, February 4th.
A message from Moscow states that a mock trial of Almighty God was held in the Garrison Club. M. Trotsky and 5,000 Reds were present. Evidence for and against God was given and there were speeches by counsel. The Communist Propaganda Department is arranging a repetition trial elsewhere for the purpose of destroying Christianity in Russia.

AUSTRALIAN POLITICS.

MR. HUGHES RESIGNS.

MELBOURNE, February 2nd.
Following on the Labour victory at the recent elections, the Prime Minister, Mr. Wm. Hughes, has resigned.

EINSTEIN VISITS PALESTINE

LONDON, February 2nd.

Professor and Mrs. Einstein arrived at Port Said yesterday, and left in the evening for Jerusalem, where they will be the guests of Sir Herbert Samuel.

NEW CHEMICAL DISCOVERY.

LONDON, February 2nd.

Doctor Alexander Scott has isolated a new element called Hafnium, which was recently discovered by two young chemists in Copenhagen.

ITALY TO RATIFY NAVAL
PACT.

LONDON, February 2nd.
Reuters learns that Signor Mussolini is expected shortly to arrange the ratification of the Washington naval treaty.

LATEST CABLES.

SPORT, HOME AND ABROAD.

M.C.C. MATCHES.

THE TRANSVAAL MATCH.

JOHANNESBURG, February 3rd.
A crowd of 7,000 assembled to witness the match Transvaal v. M.C.C. The weather was fine, but the wicket was somewhat soft. Mann won the toss and elected to bat. M.C.C. compiling 232. Russell made 81 by stylish batting, his cutting being exceptionally good. His score included 10 fours. Wooley, in an attractive innings scored 62. Nupen captured 5 wickets for 49 runs. Transvaal had compiled 88 without the loss of a wicket, when stumps were drawn.

THE NEW ZEALAND MATCH.

WELLINGTON, N.Z., February 2nd.
The third and last Test match commenced in fine weather on a fast wicket. Three thousand persons attended. Batting first, New Zealand compiled 168, Berman, playing sound, aggressive cricket, contributing sixty-one. Calthorpe bowled excellently, taking 6 wickets for 53.

The M.C.C. scored 180 for the loss of three wickets, Chapman being sixty-nine, not out, at the close of the day's play.

WELLINGTON, February 3rd.

In ideal weather, on a fast wicket, before a crowd numbering 5,000, Marylebone were all out for 401. Chapman scored 71, and McLean 83, while Lowry, by sound forceful batting, compiled 130. New Zealand made 178 for the loss of 5 wickets, Collins scoring 69 and Blunt 65 unfinished.

RUGBY.

SCOTLAND v. WALES.

At Cardiff 45,000 people assembled to witness the Scotland v. Wales Rugby match. The weather was fine and the ground in good order. Scotland were the victors, defeating Wales by 11 to 8.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

LONDON, February 3rd.
Following are the results in Saturday's Scottish League matches:—

Aberdeen	4-4	Ayr United	0-1
Albion Rovers	3-3	Morton	0-0
Clyde	3-3	Airdrieonians	0-0
Falkirk	0-1	St. Mirren	0-1
Hibernians	3-3	Third Lanark	0-1
Kilmarnock	0-4	Celtic	0-3
Motherwell	3-3	Alloa	0-0
Partick Thistle	3-3	Dundee	0-0
Raith Rovers	3-3	Hearts	0-1
Rangers	0-3	Hamilton A.	0-0

THE INCUBUS OF WAR.

Mr. Hughes, the U.S. Secretary of State, recently laid before the Senate a statement showing the respective total 1922 budgets and the allotments for land armaments of the following countries:—

Country	Total Budget for 1922	Allotment for Land Armaments
Austria (kronen)	347,533,000,000	4,787,821,000
Belgium (francs)	7,500,000,000	875,000,000
Czechoslovakia (crowns)	19,000,000,000	3,103,000,000
Estonia (marks)	5,803,000,000	1,324,000,000
Finland (marks)	2,176,000,000	306,000,000
France (francs)	35,287,000,000	3,428,000,000
Britain (pounds)	910,000,000	62,300,000
Greece (drachmas)	2,397,000,000	2,142,000,000
Hungary (crowns)	26,764,000,000	3,600,000,000
Italy (lire)	18,500,000,000	1,876,000,000
Latvia (rubles)	8,982,000,000	1,233,000,000
Lithuania (marks)	879,000,000	491,000,000
Poland (marks)	591,000,000	182,000,000
Romania (lei)	10,208,000,000	1,157,000,000
Serbian State (dinar)	6,257,000,000	1,421,000,000

The fact that the preceding figures are based on different currencies, and that many of these currencies are greatly depreciated, must be borne in mind.

However, a comparison of the relative percentages of the allotments for land armaments of the total budgets is of interest.

Messrs. John G. F. Speiden, William Rice Cooper, Stanley Woodard, members of the faculty of Yale in China, the Rev. Clarence H. Horner of the American Church Mission, and Mr. Gordon L. Burke, American Vice-Consul at Changsha, were to start on the overland trip from Changsha to Canton on February 8th. This party will cross the Hunan-Kwangtung border near Ichang, Hunan, and will proceed to Shuichow, which is the northern terminus of the incomplete Canton-Hankow Railway. The trip from Shuichow to Canton will be made by train. The members of the party are expected to make the round trip in one month.

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HONGKONG TRADE

EFFECT OF CANTON CRISIS.

The fortnightly Price Current and Market Report, published by the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, states:—

Cotton piece goods and fancy cotton goods.—Very little business has been done during the interval, and prospects are very uncertain owing to the chaotic state of affairs in Canton. The Manchester market keeps steady. Local values are unchanged. Clearances are very poor.

Cotton Yarn.—There is no change in the situation of our market. Dealers are only buying for the Yunnan district in small quantities and for their immediate requirements, there being no demand from other consuming districts. Quotations are:—No. 10s. \$170/107. No. 12s. \$175/108. No. 10s. \$190/210. No. 20s. \$178/207. Arrivals nil. Shipments nil. Sales 1,500 bales. Unsold stock 8,800 bales. Bargains 8,000 bales.

Woolens.—The continuance of the trouble in Canton and the approach of the Chinese New Year has had a quietening effect on the market. A little business is being done.

Raw Cotton.—Stocks are nil. Nominal quotations are as follows:—Indian descriptions at \$34/38. Chinese staple at \$38/42.

Metals.—Business has been quiet with very little enquiry. The disturbances in Canton have put a stop to clearances. Continental makers are diffident in making quotations, and it looks as if supplies will be difficult to obtain for some time. Small sales of steel plates 3/18 inch, and up are reported at \$5.00 per picul.

Flour.—Stock: About 300,000 sacks. Quotations:—American Patent, \$3.00 per sack; American Straight, \$3.15 per sack; American Cut off, \$3.15 per sack; Shanghai Flour, \$3.25 per sack; Australian No. 1, 3.25 per sack.

Window glass.—Market steady.
Sugar.—Market dull.
Saltpetre.—Dull without much doing.

SAIGON RICE MARKET.

The Compagnie de Commerce et de Navigation d'Extrême Orient in their report dated Saigon, January 15th, state:—

The demand from home for broken rice has continued very eager and at times prices were the same for No. 1 round 25 per cent. No. 2 40 per cent; and broken 1/5 mixed. This situation is exceptional and sellers are not inclined to quote for quantities of rice containing a high percentage of broken.

The supplies of paddy coming to the mills continue to be very short and, according to the news coming from the interior, the crop has been somewhat damaged by the rains in the western provinces.

The total amount of rice exported from January 1st to December 31st, 1922, was 1,980,374 tons against 1,518,993 in 1921.

We quote to-day:—White Saigon rice, No. 2 sifted, Japan quality, Hongkong \$5.60 per picul, f.o.b. Saigon, for February shipment.

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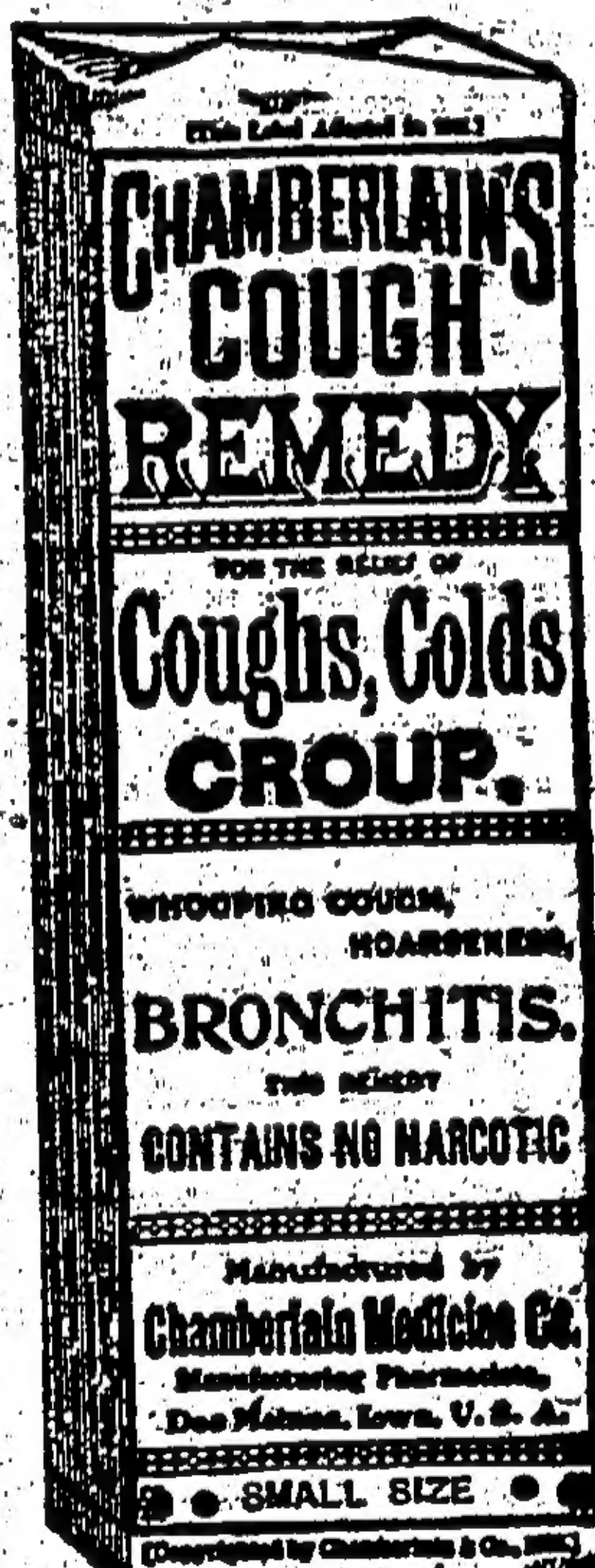
It is a bit of a jar to come across such passages as the following, which is taken from the sermon of Mike Monday, a high-speed prophet, who stands for expert reclamation work and is always going over the spiritual topnote.

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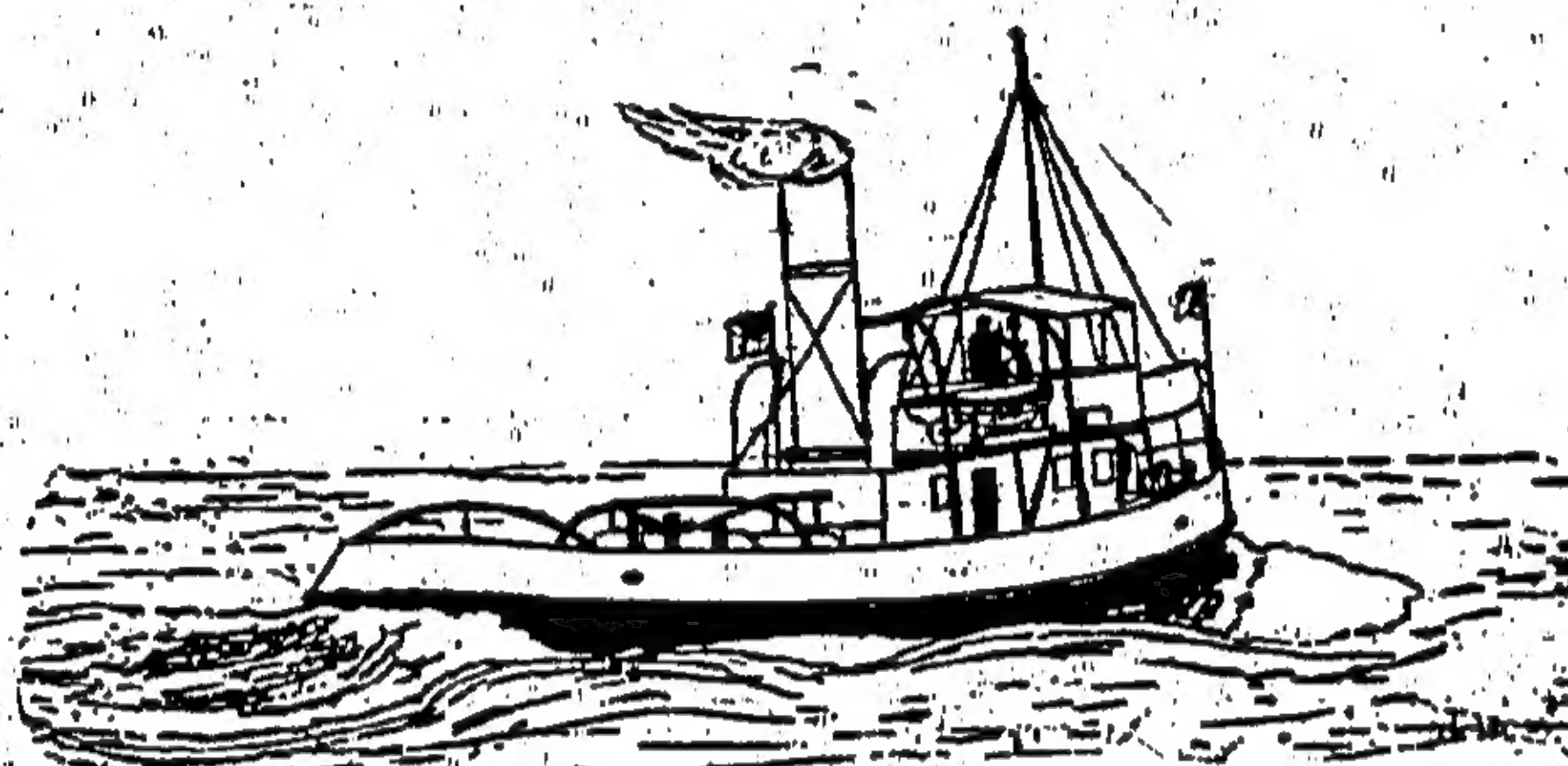
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SHIPPING NEWS

ARRIVALS.

February 2nd.

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Rawley, American str., 3,739 tons, Capt. Ansell, from Shanghai, with a general cargo—Arnhold Bros.

February 3rd.

Angers, French str., 608 tons, Capt. Rinen, from Marseilles, with a general cargo—Messageries Maritimes.
Emil Kindorf, German str., 3,425 tons, Capt. Ziegumeyer, from Shanghai, with a general cargo—Reuter, Brockmann & Co.
Georgii, Russian str., from Canton.
Huiching, British str., 1,267 tons, Capt. J. S. Thomson, from Foochow, with a general cargo—Douglas S.S. Co.
Hellas, Chinese str., 860 tons, Capt. B. Lohy, from Saigon, with rice and general cargo—Kung Chung & Co.
Hydrangea, British str., 561 tons, Capt. W. J. Colman, R.N.R., from Swatow, with a general cargo—Chiu On S.S. Co.

Prosper, Norwegian str., from Canton.
Shantien, British str., from Canton.
Szechuen, British str., 1,594 tons, Capt. J. Gibbs, from Shanghai, with a general cargo—B. & S.

Taito Maru, Japanese str., from Canton.
Van Vollenhaven, French str., 704 tons, Capt. P. B. Morganti, from Hoibow, with a general cargo—Kai Yue & Co.
Yingchow, British str., from Canton.
Yue Fing Wo, British str., 518 tons, Capt. Wm. Ross, from Hoibow, with a general cargo—Cheong Yue S.S. Co.

February 4th.

Apus, American str., 3,516 tons, Capt. Harris, from Manila, with a general cargo—Struthers & Bai.
Chekiang, Chinese str., from Canton.
Chidder, Norwegian str., 1,102 tons, Capt. O. Olsen, from Bangkok, with a general cargo—J.M. & Co.
Chopking, British str., 1,199 tons, Capt. Chaudler, from Hoibow, with a general cargo—J.M. & Co.
Cyclops, British str., 5,783 tons, Capt. W. Coker, from Shanghai, with a general cargo—B. & S.

Hangyang, British str., 1,356 tons, Capt. R. H. McNair, from Shanghai, with a general cargo—J.M. & Co.
Indo Maru, Japanese str., 3,565 tons, Capt. Y. Takata, from Moji, with a general cargo—O.S.K.

Kaiyo Maru, Japanese str., 2,015 tons, Capt. T. Motoshige, from Keelung, with coal and general cargo—O.S.K.
Ling Nam, Chinese str., 3,944 tons, Capt. W. B. Knagg, from Saigon, with lumber—Chung Wah Navigation & Co.

Songkian, French str., from Canton.
Takaki Maru, Japanese str., 4,662 tons, Capt. Y. Kawashima, from Singapore, with a general cargo—N.Y.K.

Teani, British str., 1,351 tons, Capt. R. Mitchell, from Pakhoi, with a general cargo—B. & S.

CLEARANCES.

February 3rd.

Apoy, for Saigon.
Angers, for Shanghai.
Chakung, for Swatow.
Changwei, for Canton.
Esang, for Canton.
Haijun Maru, for Swatow.
Hellas, for Canton.
Hok Canton, for K. C. Wan.
Kuangchow, for Swatow.
Kwangshai, for Shanghai.
Mingung, for Hoibow.
Prosper, for Saigon.
Satyia Maru, for Takao.
Shantung, for Shanghai.
Sunland, for Koshichang.
Szechuen, for Canton.
Taino Maru, for Keelung.
Torillo, for Amoy.
Washin, for Shanghai.
Wozang, for Weihaiwei.
Yingchow, for Swatow.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVALS.

Per *Kaiyo Maru*, on February 4th: Mr. T. Barclay, Mr. Kim, Mrs. Lachser, Per M.M. ss. *Angers*, on February 3rd, for Hongkong: Mr. Pinto, Mr. and Mrs. Richard, Mrs. Seroni, Dr. and Mrs. Miss Balbour, Soeurs Ernestine, Camille, Agnes, Bernadette and Clement, Mr. Schipper, Mr. Dura, Mrs. Valentin, Mr. Thierry, Mr. A. Kopp.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The N.Y.K. ss. *Genoa Maru* (Liverpool line) left Singapore for Hongkong on February 1st, and is expected here on February 8th.

The N.Y.K. ss. *Bangkok Maru* (Bombay line) left Kobe for Hongkong via Moji on February 2nd, and is expected here on February 8th.

The ss. *Agapenor* (Blue Funnel) arrived at Boston on January 29th.

The ss. *Meriones* (Blue Funnel) arrived at Liverpool on January 31st.

The E. & A. Co.'s ss. *Eastern* left Manila for this port on February 3rd, p.m., with the outward Australian mails, and is due here on February 6th, daylight.

The Pacific Mail ss. *President Lincoln* sailed from San Francisco on January 31st, and is due here on February 24th.

She will sail for Manila on the 25th, returning from that port on March 4th, and sailing for San Francisco via Shanghai, Japan and Honolulu on March 6th.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Agamemnon (Blue Funnel), due Feb. 21st.
Autolykus (Blue Funnel), due Feb. 8th.
Bengal Maru (N.Y.K.), due Feb. 15th.
Bellerophon (Blue Funnel), due Mar. 27th.
Bolton Castle (Dodwell-Castle Line), due February 18th.

City of Sindia (Bank Line, Ltd.), due Feb. 13th.

Devolution (Blue Funnel), due March 10th.

Empress of Australia, due Feb. 28th, 2 p.m.

Eurybates (Blue Funnel), due Feb. 21st.

Helenus (Blue Funnel), due Feb. 6th.

Munster (Dodwell-Castle Line), due March 17th.

Priam (Blue Funnel), due March 2nd.

Tango Maru (N.Y.K.), due Feb. 14th.

WEATHER REPORT.

Feb. 4th at 11.34.—Pressure has increased considerably at Vitiavotok and moderately at Shanghai. It has decreased slightly at Hongkong and is nearly stationary over the Philippines.

An anticyclone has formed over N. China and E. Mongolia.

The monsoon will freshen along the S. and S.E. coast of China. It will be moderate over the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. 4th Feb., 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 0.13 inches, against an average of 1.71 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon 5th Feb., is as follows:—

DISTRICT FORECAST

Hongkong to Gap Rocks: N.E. winds fresh; fine to cloudy.

Formosa Channel: N.E. winds freshening considerably.

South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamook: N.E. 1.

South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: The same as No. 1.

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, February 4th

Previous Day at 2 p.m.

On Date at 8 a.m.

On Date at 2 p.m.

Barometer — 30.0 30.01 29.98

Temperature — 61 66 61

Humidity — 85 89 88

Wind Direction — E E E

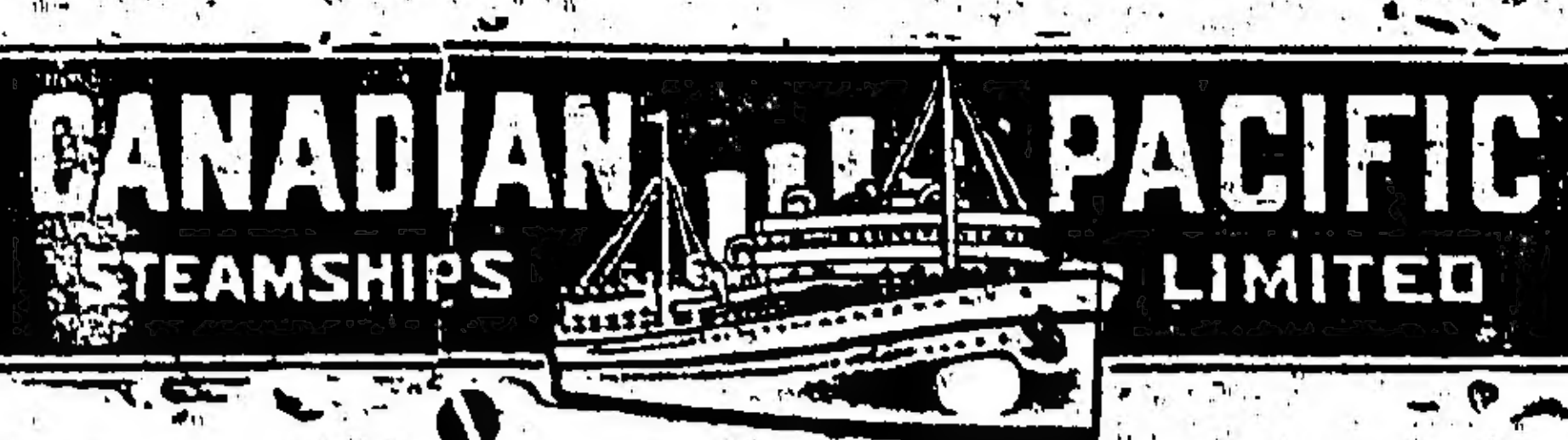
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TATEISHI MARU — Monday, 19th Feb.

NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

TANGO MARU — Thursday, 15th Feb.

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AMOI & SHANGHAI	"SZECHUEN"	On	6th Feb.	D.L.
HAIPHONG	"CHENAN"	On	6th Feb.	10 a.m.
HAIPHONG	"TEAN"	On	7th Feb.	10 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SUNNING"	On	8th Feb.	10 a.m.
BANGKOK	"LINAN"	On	8th Feb.	D.L.
WUHAIRW, CHENGO & TIENTSIN	"HUICHOW"	On	8th Feb.	4 p.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SINKIANG"	On	10th Feb.	D.L.
SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KWEITANG"	On	11th Feb.	10 a.m.
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